



The changing economic environment of the Indian Ocean Territories

Federal Parliament's External Territories Committee is holding three public hearings in Canberra with federal government departments as part of its inquiry into the changing economic environment in the Indian Ocean Territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

“This inquiry is an opportunity for the committee to examine possible measures for improving economic development for the Indian Ocean Territories within the context of information communications technology, transportation, Government services and programs including housing. More broadly, the committee will also examine the impact of climate change on the Indian Ocean Territories,” Committee Chair Senator Kate Lundy said.

The hearing program is shown below:

Wednesday, 19 August Committee Room 1R2 Parliament House, Canberra	Wednesday, 9 September Committee Room 1R2 Parliament House, Canberra	Wednesday, 16 September Committee Room 1R2 Parliament House, Canberra
12.45 pm Attorney-General's Department	12.45 pm Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	12.45 pm Economic Development Officer, Attorney-General's Department
1.45 pm Adjournment	1.15 pm Department of Immigration and Citizenship	1.30 pm Ms Dee Margetts and Dr Nic Dunlop
	1.45 pm Adjournment	1.55 pm Adjournment

Further details about the inquiry can be obtained from the committee's website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/index.htm> or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4355 or emailing jscncet@aph.gov.au.

An audio webcast of proceedings can be accessed at <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

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