



JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AND EXTERNAL TERRITORIES

Inquiry into the Changing Economic Environment in the Indian Ocean Territories

Chair: Senator Kate Lundy

MEDIA ALERT

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The changing economic environment of the Indian Ocean Territories

Federal Parliament's External Territories Committee is holding two final public hearings in Canberra on 28 and 29 October as part of its inquiry into the changing economic environment in the Indian Ocean Territories of Christmas Island and the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. The witnesses appearing including two federal departments are listed below:

Wednesday, 28 October Committee Room 1S5 Parliament House, Canberra		Thursday, 29 October Committee Room 1S5 Parliament House, Canberra	
12.30 pm	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy	10.00 am	Attorney-General's Department
1.15 pm	Mr Nyall Ledger	11.00 am	Adjournment
1.35 pm	Mr John Sorensen		
1.55 pm	Adjournment		

Chair of the Joint Committee Senator Kate Lundy said "During this inquiry, the Committee has heard from a diverse range of community individuals and groups including Commonwealth and local government agencies responsible for service delivery in the Indian Ocean Territories. In addition to receiving specific information about possible measures for improving economic development, through these final hearings the Committee is expecting to receive further information about how information communications technology services are delivered to the Indian Ocean Territories."

The hearings will be **webcast live** on: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

To arrange media comment: please contact the Committee Chair, Senator Kate Lundy on 0407 458 882.

Further information 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.