



Review of Extradition Treaty with Malaysia

The Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, chaired by Andrew Southcott MP, will hold a public hearing on Monday 19 June to examine the Treaty between the Australian and Malaysian governments on Extradition.

The Treaty is based on Australia's extradition treaty model and forms part of a network of 34 bilateral extradition treaties.

The Extradition Treaty under review will simplify and modernise the extradition arrangements that exist between Australia and Malaysia. In particular, the Treaty adopts the 'no evidence' approach, which requires the extradition requesting party to supply certain documents to support an extradition request, but not provide evidence of the alleged criminal conduct. In addition, under the Treaty, no request for a death penalty offence can be made without prior consultation and agreement between Australia and Malaysia.

"The Committee will examine the benefits and otherwise of the Extradition Treaty with Malaysia. In addition, the Committee welcomes the opportunity to simultaneously review the Treaty on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters with Malaysia," Dr Southcott said.

The public hearing will be held in **Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra on Monday, 19 June 2006 from 10.30 am**. The public hearing will be broadcast on the House Monitoring Service on Channel 10, radio frequency 98.3MHz and on the Parliament House website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/live/webcast3.asp#>

Further information about the inquiry is available on the Committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/10may2006/tor.htm

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM – 10.30 am-12.30 pm, 19 June 2006

Venue: Committee Room 2R1, second floor, Parliament House, Canberra

- 10.30 am** Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Namibia and the Governments of Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the Treatment of War Graves of members of the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth in the Republic of Namibia
- 10.45 am** Social Security Agreement with the Kingdom of Norway
- 11.05 am** Agreement with the United States of America on Cooperation in Science and Technology for Homeland/Domestic Security Matters
- 11.25 am** The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance Statutes (as amended at the Extraordinary Council meeting of International IDEA on 24 January 2006)
- 11.45 am** Treaty with the Government of Malaysia on Extradition and Exchange of Notes, and the Treaty with the Government of Malaysia on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and Exchange of Notes
- 12.15 pm** Amendments to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Constitution, done at Geneva on 24 November 1998

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