



## ***Final public hearing for crimes at sea inquiry***

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs will conduct its final public hearing for the inquiry into the arrangements surrounding crimes committed at sea. The Committee will hear from the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department at a public hearing tomorrow in Canberra.

The Committee has received evidence calling for the need for Australia to legislate in a similar manner as the United States to regulate the cruise industry. Instituting similar measures to the US' 'Kerry Act' was one of the recommendations of the Coronial inquest into the tragic death of Ms Dianne Brimble.

The Committee Chair, Mr Graham Perrett MP, said 'The Committee will ask the Attorney-General's Department to clarify the issues around why this recommendation has not yet been taken up by the Government.'

Mr Perrett added 'the Committee remains keen to investigate ways that adequate protections for Australian travellers on cruise ships and the right to justice for victims of crimes at sea can be strengthened'.

Public Hearing  
8.40am-10.00am  
Thursday, 14 March 2013  
Committee Room 1R3  
Parliament House, Canberra

The program is available at [www.aph.gov.au/crimesatsea](http://www.aph.gov.au/crimesatsea) and the hearing will be broadcast live at <http://www.aph.gov.au/live>

For further information about the inquiry, see the Committee's website at [www.aph.gov.au/crimesatsea](http://www.aph.gov.au/crimesatsea) or contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 2358.

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