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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Trade Sub-Committee

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Chair: Ms Janelle Saffin MP  
Deputy: Hon Bruce Scott MP

## North Asian trade discussions continue

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) will appear before the Trade Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade on **Thursday, 22 March 2012**.

Sub-Committee Chair Janelle Saffin said that the Sub-Committee looked forward to continuing its discussions with the Department and Austrade on Australia's trade and investment relations with Japan and the Republic of Korea.

"The Sub-Committee welcomes the opportunity to better understand Australia's existing trade relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea and to explore opportunities to deepen existing links with each country. The Sub-Committee is particularly interested in ongoing negotiations for a free trade agreement with both Japan and South Korea" Ms Saffin said.

Details of the public hearing are as follows:

**Thursday, 22 March 2012**  
**10.30am to 11.30am**  
**Committee Room 1S2, Parliament House, Canberra**

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Further information about the Sub-Committee's inquiry is available at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/jfadt>

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