



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Trade Sub-Committee

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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

## Public hearing to examine trade and investment links with Japan and South Korea

Tourism, investment and other business links with Japan and South Korea will be explored at a public hearing of the Trade Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade as it continues its inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relationship with these two countries.

The Sub-Committee will hear from the Australia Japan Business Cooperation Committee and the Australia-Korea Business Council, as well as Tourism Australia, Australia Japan Economic Intelligence and the Organic Federation of Australia.

Trade Sub-Committee Chair, Ms Janelle Saffin, said 'Japan and South Korea are two of Australia's most important trading partners. The Sub-Committee is examining the importance of that relationship within the context of current free trade agreement negotiations and looking at ways to further strengthen these ties.'

Details of the public hearing are as follows:

**Wednesday, 14 November 2012**

**9.00 am to 1.30 pm**

**Commonwealth Parliament Offices**

**Committee Room A, Level 8, 70 Phillip Street, Sydney**

Please note that security arrangements are in place at the Commonwealth Parliament Offices. Members of the public wishing to attend this hearing should contact the Committee Secretariat no later than 9.30am on Monday 12 November 2012, either by email to [jscfadt@aph.gov.au](mailto:jscfadt@aph.gov.au) or by phoning 02 6277 2313. Entry to the venue may otherwise be refused.

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[http://www.aph.gov.au/News\\_and\\_Events/Watch\\_Parliament](http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament)

**For media comment:** please contact the Sub-Committee Chair, Ms Janelle Saffin on (02) 6621 9909 (Electorate Office) or (02) 6277 4323 (Parliament House)

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