JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE & TRADE

MEDIA STATEMENT

WATCHING BRIEF ON THE WAR ON TERRORISM PUBLIC HEARING

The fifth in a series of public hearings on Australia's preparedness to manage and respond to the consequences of a terrorist attack in Australia will be held in Brisbane on Friday, 7th of November, 2003.

The hearing is being conducted by the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade as part of the Committee's ongoing Watching Brief on Australia's involvement in the War on Terrorism and into related actions in response to terrorism.

The hearing on Friday, 7th November will focus on the role of the Queensland Government agencies in coordinating the immediate response to, and managing the consequences of, a terrorist attack.

PUBLIC HEARING Friday, 7th November 2003 DATE: 09:00am to 12 noon TIME: **Commonwealth Parliament Offices PLACE:** Level 36 - Waterfront Place **1** Eagle Street **BRISBANE QLD 4000** Canberra November, 2003

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