Chair: Dr Andrew Southcott MP Deputy Chair: Mr Kim Wilkie MP

50,000 could benefit from Social Security Agreement with Greece

The Federal Parliament's Treaties Committee will hear evidence on the Social Security Agreement with Greece at an upcoming public hearing. The Agreement, which was signed in May this year, comes after years of negotiation. The Agreement will assist people in both Australia and Greece in qualifying for an Australian or Greek pension and is expected to benefit around 50,000 people in both countries.

The Treaties Committee will also hear evidence relating to the Status of Forces Agreement with the Philippines. The Agreement was signed in May 2007 during a visit to Australia by the President of the Philippines, Gloria Arroyo. The Agreement defines the legal status of forces and their property in the territory of another nation.

The public hearing will be held in **Committee Room 2R1**, **Parliament House**, **Canberra** on **Monday 13 August 2007** from **10.00 am**. The public hearing will be broadcast on the House Monitoring Service, radio and webcast live on the Parliament House website at: http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/. Further information is available on the Committee's website:

http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/7august2007/index.htm

PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM 10.00 am-11.00 am, Monday 13 August 2007

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

10.00 am Social Security Agreement with Greece10.20 am Social Security Agreement with Japan

10.35 am Status of Visiting Forces Agreement with the Philippines

11.00 am **Close**

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