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Inquiry into governance on Norfolk Island

Report to be released tomorrow, Wednesday 3 December

Federal parliament's External Territories Committee will tomorrow (Wednesday 3 December) table the report of its eight-month investigation into governance on Norfolk Island.

The report is scheduled to be tabled in the Senate at 3.45pm.

Please note: the exact time of tabling is dependent on the proceedings of the Senate. Interested persons will have to monitor the proceedings of the Senate at 3.45pm.

The report will be available on the committee website (<u>www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/ncet/index.htm</u>) as soon as it is tabled. Copies will also be distributed in the Federal Parliamentary Press Gallery once the report is tabled. There will be no embargoed copies issued.

Committee members will make speeches to the Senate immediately after the tabling.

Media Conference

WHERE:Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, CanberraWHEN:4.15pm, Wednesday 3 December

A media conference will be held by the committee from 4.15pm on Wednesday in Committee Room 2S1. The conference will be televised on the in-house parliamentary monitoring system (please check guides for channel number).

Background: The committee received 48 submissions, many of them confidential, and conducted three days of public hearings and several in-camera hearings to gather evidence. Copies of submissions and transcripts of the public hearings are available on the committee website.

To arrange media comment: please contact the Committee Chairman, Senator Ross Lightfoot, via tel: (02) 6277 3626 or (08) 9344 8900

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