



JOINT COMMITTEES

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE

Inquiry into strengthening Australia's relationships with countries in the Pacific region

**PUBLIC HEARING
Friday 4 September 2020**

**Teleconference
Committee Room 1R1, Parliament House, Canberra**

Time	Witness
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9.00 am	<p>Diplomatic representatives of Pacific island countries:</p> <p>Independent State of Samoa Ms Rona Meleisea-Chewlit, Deputy High Commissioner Her Excellency Ms Hinauri Petana, High Commissioner Mr Henry Tunupopo, Vice Consul, Trade</p> <p>Solomon Islands Mr Walter Diamana, Deputy High Commissioner His Excellency Mr Robert Sisilo, High Commissioner</p> <p>Kingdom of Tonga Mr Tasimani Duifken Telefoni, Third Secretary, High Commission Mr Curtis Leonard Tuihalangie, Deputy Head of Mission</p> <p>New Caledonia Dr Yves Lafoy, Counsellor and Official Representative of New Caledonia to Australia</p> <p>New Zealand Captain Shaun Fogarty, New Zealand Defence Adviser Her Excellency Hon. Dame Annette Faye King, High Commissioner Ms Abigail Pool, Second Secretary, Political</p> <p>Republic of Vanuatu Mr Evaristo Charlet, Second Secretary His Excellency Mr Samson Vilvil Fare, High Commissioner</p> <p>Kiribati via TELECONFERENCE Mr Ierevita Biriti, Acting Director for Business Promotion Centre, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives Ms Angoango Fakaua, Trade Officer, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives Mr John Mote, Officer Commanding Police Maritime, Kiribati Police Service Mrs Donna Tekanene Reiher, Senior Trade Officer, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives Mr Reetaake Takabwere, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Kiribati Police Service Mr Teata Terubea, Director, Asia Pacific Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration Ms Nanoua Tiroi, Desk Officer, Asia Pacific Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration</p> <p>Papua New Guinea Colonel Mark Goina, Defence Attache His Excellency Mr John Ma'o Kali, High Commissioner Deputy High Commissioner Mr Sakias Tameo</p>
10.40 am	Morning tea
11.00 am	Roundtable discussion and concluding remarks
12.30 pm	Adjourn