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### **Joint Standing Committee on Migration**

Inquiry into migrant settlement outcomes

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## **English language tuition for migrants under examination**

The [Joint Standing Committee on Migration](#) will examine the effectiveness of the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) when the Department of Education and Training appears at a public hearing tomorrow for the Committee's inquiry into Migrant Settlement Outcomes.

Committee Chair Jason Wood MP said the AMEP provides up to 510 hours of English language tuition to eligible migrants and humanitarian entrants to help them learn English language skills.

“English language proficiency is one of the most important factors in determining the successful settlement of migrants and refugees. English language proficiency also reduces the risk of social exclusion through language barriers”, he said.

“It is important that we examine the effectiveness of the AMEP and consider mechanisms designed to achieve better English language outcomes.”

The Settlement Services Advisory Council will also appear again before the Committee as they continue their discussion on the effectiveness of Australia's current settlement services.

**Public hearing details: 10:10am to 11:30am, Wednesday 9 August 2017, Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra.**

The hearing will be broadcast live at [aph.gov.au/live](http://aph.gov.au/live)

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