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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TREATIES

Inquiry into consular functions in Macau

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Review of consular support in Macau

The consular support available to Australians in Macau will be the subject of a new parliamentary inquiry.

The [Joint Standing Committee on Treaties](#) has been referred amendments to Australia's agreement with the People's Republic of China for the provision of consular functions in Macau. The Committee invites submissions from individuals and organisations by 21 July 2017.

Committee Chair [the Hon Stuart Robert MP](#) explained that the proposed amendments will bring the Australian Government's consular functions in line with the functions provided in mainland China.

"In recent years, a number of Australians have required consular support for activities and business conducted in Macau. The Committee will seek to ensure that Australians living and conducting business within Macau will continue to receive strong consular support under the proposed amendments," Mr Robert said.

Australia has a strong commercial presence in Macau. Around 1,000 Australians live in Macau, with close to \$90 million in bilateral trade occurring between Australia and the Special Administrative Region.

The Committee will hold a public hearing into the proposed amendments on 7 August 2017 in Canberra and will report to the Parliament by 6 September 2017.

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