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Inquiry into establishing a Modern Slavery Act in Australia

Federal MPs to talk modern slavery with UK authority

A video conference with representatives from the UK [Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority](#) (GLAA) will be conducted today by the Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee of the Australian Parliament's [Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade](#).

The public hearing is part of the Sub-Committee's [inquiry into establishing a Modern Slavery Act in Australia](#).

The Sub-Committee is investigating whether elements of the UK *Modern Slavery Act 2015* could be introduced in Australia, particularly the UK requirement for businesses and organisations to report on how they ensure their global supply chains are free of slavery and human trafficking.

They will hear from the GLAA about its role in combatting modern slavery in the UK through investigating cases of labour abuse and licensing labour hire firms.

Chair of the Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee, Mr Chris Crewther MP, said the Sub-Committee welcomed the opportunity to discuss the work of the GLAA in the UK. "The Sub-Committee looks forward to hearing further about the role the GLAA in the UK Government's efforts to combat modern slavery and what lessons could be learned here in Australia."

Public hearing details: 7:30pm to 8:15pm, Tuesday 17 October, Committee Room 1R3, Parliament House, Canberra

The full program is available from the committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/modernslavery.

This hearing will be streamed live at www.aph.gov.au/live.

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