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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue
Inquiry into taxpayer engagement with the tax system

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Doing the right thing—tax and super compliance

The [Tax and Revenue Committee](#) will tomorrow hold the second public hearing of its inquiry into taxpayer engagement with Australia’s taxation system.

Committee Chair [Mr Kevin Hogan MP](#) said as government services move online, building taxpayer confidence and trust in Australia’s taxation and superannuation systems is vital.

“To ensure Australians can engage with our taxation system confidently, online lodgement and tax assessment services must be—and must be seen to be—reliable, safe and fair”, Mr Hogan said.

At the hearing the Inspector-General of Taxation and expert witnesses from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Australia’s first Special Adviser to the Prime Minister on Cyber Safety, and the head of the Behavioural Economics Team of the Australian Government, will report on their work and its contribution to this objective.

Mr Hogan said that while the Committee’s inquiry aims to evaluate the scale of deliberate tax avoidance in Australia, it will also explore the causes of incidental non-compliance.

“We’ll examine how ‘behavioural insights’ approaches, whether visual, ethical or technological, can encourage tax payers to voluntarily meet their tax and superannuation obligations”, Mr Hogan said

Public Hearing details:

Time: 4.15 pm – 5:00 pm – Inspector-General of Taxation and 5.00 pm – 5:45 pm – Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

Date: Wednesday 10 May

Location: Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

The hearing will be broadcast [live](#).

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