Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

Public Hearing

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Bi-lateral Extradition Treaty with Jordan

Australia's bi-lateral extradition treaty with Jordan will be discussed at a public hearing today with federal parliament's <u>Joint Standing Committee on Treaties</u>.

The treaty ensures that both Jordan and Australia will consider a request to extradite a suspect using an agreed set of rules.

Committee Chair, <u>Mr Stuart Robert MP</u>, said that Jordan is an important partner in the fight against international terrorism.

"The treaty will foster closer cooperation with Jordan on matters of transnational crime and terrorism," Mr Robert said.

The Treaty contains a number of safeguards to prevent a suspect from being extradited for their race, sex, religion, or political opinion; if the suspect may be tortured; or in cases where the death penalty may be applied.

The committee will also discuss a bi-lateral mutual legal assistance treaty with Jordan, and an agreement for the ongoing operation of NASA's deep space tracking facility at Tidbinbilla outside Canberra.

Public hearing details:

11.00am – 12.45pm, Monday 4 December 2017 Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

11.00am: Bi-lateral Extradition Treaty with Jordan

Bi-lateral Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty with Jordan

Attorney General's Department

12.00pm: NASA Deep Space Tracking Facility Agreement

Department of Industry, Innovation and Science

12.45pm: Close

The hearing will be broadcast live at aph.gov.au/live

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