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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TREATIES

Inquiry into Nuclear Cooperation-Ukraine

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NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH UKRAINE

11.00AM MONDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2016

The Treaties Committee will hold a public hearing in Canberra on Monday to examine a treaty that would allow Australia to sell uranium to the Ukraine for use in its nuclear power plants.

Committee Chair, the Hon Stuart Robert MP, says that the subject of nuclear cooperation is coming before the Committee more frequently as the demand for less carbon-intensive forms of energy increases.

“While there may be benefits for Australia from this treaty, as with previous inquiries of this nature, we want to be certain that there are adequate safeguards in place. We want to ensure that there is no danger of our uranium being misused for nuclear weapons or military purposes.”

Ukraine is highly reliant on nuclear power with four nuclear power plants supplying over half of the country’s electricity. Although Australia’s current share of global production is only around 11 per cent, it has about one third of the world’s economically recoverable uranium. Growing demand for nuclear energy provides an opportunity for expansion of the Australian industry, generating jobs and economic growth.

The Committee will hear from relevant Government departments as well as environmentalists and the minerals industry at the public hearing.

Public Hearing details:

Time: 11.00 am

Date: Monday, 21 November 2016

Location: Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

[Live Webcast \(Audio only\)](#)

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