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Joint Standing Committee on Migration

Inquiry into migrant settlement outcomes

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Police Federation of Australia to discuss involvement of youth migrants in anti-social behaviour

The Police Federation of Australia will discuss social engagement of youth migrants, including involvement of youth migrants in anti-social behaviour such as gang activity, and the adequacy of the *Migration Act 1958* character test provisions, when the <u>Joint Standing Committee on Migration</u> holds a public hearing as part of its inquiry into Migrant Settlement Outcomes tomorrow.

Committee Chair Jason Wood MP said, "for a range of reasons, young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds are particularly vulnerable and there is the potential that they could become involved in criminal activity."

"It is important that Australia puts mechanisms in place to prevent individuals from engaging in or supporting criminal activities in Australia."

The Australian Council of TESOL Associations will also appear again before the Committee as they continue their discussion on the effectiveness of the Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP).

The full terms of reference are available on the Committee's website.

Public hearing details: 10:30am to 11:30am, Wednesday 18 October 2017, Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra.

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

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