



## Scrutineers to discuss oversight of Tax Office

The scrutineers of the Australian Taxation Office—the Inspector-General of Taxation, the Auditor-General and the Commonwealth Ombudsman—will explain how they review the ATO and whether current approaches strike the right balance.

Chair of the House [Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue](#) Mr Bert van Manen MP said the ATO has stated that the level external scrutiny is excessive; however many other stakeholders have argued that the current degree of scrutiny is warranted.

“Stakeholders have pointed to the size and importance of the ATO, and the need to maintain public confidence in the tax system” Mr van Manen said.

“While this is the case, the Committee wants to be sure that the scrutiny is not duplicative and that it is carried out in the most efficient and effective manner.”

At the hearing, the scrutineers will be quizzed about potential overlap in their work and how to ensure scrutiny of the ATO remains robust.

### Public hearing program

4.20 pm to 6 pm  
Tuesday, 19 April 2016  
Committee Room 1R4  
Parliament House, Canberra

Witnesses: Inspector-General of Taxation, Auditor-General, Commonwealth Ombudsman

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