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Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

First inquiries of the 45th Parliament

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JSCOT Starts Work

The Joint Standing Committee on Treaties has reconvened as part of the 45th Parliament, and has commenced work on a number of inquiries.

The newly elected Committee Chair, the Hon. Stuart Robert, said “The Committee intends to get these inquiries underway expeditiously, with dates for public hearings to be announced shortly.”

Mr Robert said people interested in the participating in the Committee’s inquiries should visit the Treaties Committee’s [website](#) for further information.

The Committee has commenced inquiries into three treaties:

- The Paris Agreement of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
- The Doha Amendments to the Kyoto Protocol; and
- The Amendments to Australia’s Schedule of Concessions under the GATT.

In addition, the Treaties Committee will be finalising a number of incomplete inquiries from the previous Parliament, including:

- The Implementation Procedures for Airworthiness Between Australia and the United States;
- The Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement;
- Australia’s Accession to the Convention on Choice of Court Agreements;
- The Treaty of Extradition Between Australia and the People’s Republic of China; and
- The Air Services Agreements between Australia and Bahrain and Australia and Kuwait.

The Committee expects to commence a series of public hearings on the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement in the next few weeks. Public hearing details will be available from the Committee [website](#).

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