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Joint Standing Committee on the National Capital and External Territories

Inquiry into Canberra's national institutions

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Promoting the people's House

The [Parliamentary Committee](#) examining Canberra's national institutions will continue its public hearing program in Canberra on Thursday.

The Committee will be hearing evidence from the Department of Parliamentary Services on the role that Australian Parliament House plays in improving civics literacy, and encouraging engagement in democracy through school visits and broader visitor programs.

The Chair of the Committee, [Mr Ben Morton MP](#), said "while the core purpose of Parliament House is to serve as a working parliament, it was also designed to be accessible by all citizens and plays an important role in showcasing democracy in action. Thursday's public hearing will provide the Committee with an opportunity to better understand how the outreach programs at Parliament House promote trust and understanding in the institutions of government."

Public hearing details: 10.10 am – 11.00 am, Thursday, 20 September 2018, Committee Room 2R2, Parliament House, Canberra

10.10 am: Department of Parliamentary Services (Submission 76)

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

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For background information:

Further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, is available on the Committee's [webpage](#). Interested members of the public may wish to track the committee by clicking on the blue 'Track Committee' button in the bottom right hand corner of the website and using the forms to login to My Parliament or to register for a My Parliament account.

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