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### PARLIAMENTARY JOINT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

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## Public hearing for review of the Crimes Legislation Amendment (Police Powers at Airports) Bill 2018

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security will hold a public hearing this Wednesday as part of its review of the Crimes Legislation (Police Powers at Airports) Bill 2018.

The Bill amends existing legislation to provide police with the power to move individuals on from an airport in specified circumstances.

The PJCS Chair, Mr Andrew Hastie MP, said:

*Australian airports are among the safest in the world. However recent events—including the July 2017 aviation terrorist plot targeting international flights departing Sydney—have identified that more can be done to assist law enforcement officers in the protection of our aviation network.*

*The Bill allows police at certain airports to direct a person to provide evidence of their identity, and empowers officers to direct a person to leave an airport, or not take a flight, for up to 24 hours.*

*In its public hearing, the Committee will examine the new powers and look into whether appropriate safeguards are in place.*

The Committee will hear from the Department of Home Affairs, the Australian Federal Police, and the Law Council of Australia.

**Public hearing details: 12.00pm to 1.30pm, Wednesday, 17 October 2018, Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra.**

The hearing will be broadcast live at [aph.gov.au/live](http://aph.gov.au/live)

**Media enquiries:** Chair, Mr Andrew Hastie MP (Canning, WA) on 08 9534 8044 (Electorate Office) or 02 6277 4223 (Parliament House)

Further information about the Committee's review and submissions received to date can be obtained from the Committee's [website](http://aph.gov.au). Interested members of the public may wish to track the committee via the [website](http://aph.gov.au). Click on the blue 'Track Committee' button in the bottom right hand corner and use the forms to login to My Parliament or to register for a My Parliament account.

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