

House of Representatives Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue

Chair: Mr John Alexander OAM MP Deputy Chair: Dr Jim Chalmers MP

Tax disputes hearing in Melbourne

The fair treatment of taxpayers, alternative dispute resolution and independent review mechanisms will be the focus of a parliamentary committee when it conducts a public hearing in Melbourne.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Tax and Revenue will meet with individuals, tax practitioners, and peak bodies on Thursday 14 August as part of its inquiry into tax disputes.

Committee Chair John Alexander MP expressed optimism that the public hearing would give the Committee the perspective of taxpayers and tax professionals.

"After meeting last month with the ATO and Treasury to discuss disputes and the legal framework, we are looking forward to obtaining the perspective of the Australian community over the course of our next few public hearings."

"We plan to use the evidence we receive over the course of the inquiry to make recommendations that will benefit taxpayers and improve voluntary compliance."

The Committee will then travel to Sydney for another public hearing on 18 August 2014 in Ryde.

Public hearing program

Thursday 14 August 2014 Committee Room G3, 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne

9:30 am	Ms Kaye Perkins
10:00 am	Institute of Public Accountants
10:45 am	Morning Tea
11:00 am	The Tax Institute
11:45 am	Mr Graeme Halperin
12:15 pm	Law Institute of Victoria
1:00 pm	Adjournment
11:00 am 11:45 am	The Tax Institute Mr Graeme Halperin Law Institute of Victoria

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

For media comment: please contact Committee Chair, Mr John Alexander OAM MP, on (02) 6277 4804.

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