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## MEDIA RELEASE

### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL MATTERS

Inquiry into and report on all aspects of the conduct of the 2016 Federal Election and matters related thereto

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Issue date: 14 February 2017

## 2016 Election inquiry to examine foreign political donations

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters will hold public hearings in Canberra tomorrow and on Thursday to take evidence about the 2016 Federal Election.

Committee Chair Senator Linda Reynolds said the Committee was impressed with the submissions it had received on political donations.

“The Committee has received a number of high quality submissions on the subject of foreign political donations, and political donations generally,” Senator Reynolds said.

“The Committee will now begin to examine expert recommendations on how the political donations framework can be improved.”

“The Committee is on track to report on foreign donations, as its Terms of Reference require, on 3 March 2017.”

### Public hearing details

#### Canberra

**Time:** [8.00am – 10.30am \(click to listen live\)](#)

**Date:** Wednesday, 15 February 2017

**Location:** Committee Room 1R2, Parliament House, Canberra

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Time	Witnesses
8.00 am	Mr Paul Erickson, Australian Labor Party
8.45 am	Dr Belinda Edwards
9.30 am	Professor Colleen Lewis
10.15am	Mr Tony Nutt, Liberal Party of Australia
11.00 am	<i>Close</i>

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### **Canberra**

**Time:** [3.30pm – 7.00pm \(click to listen live\)](#)

**Date:** Thursday, 16 February 2017

**Location:** Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

Details for this Public Hearing are yet to be finalised, but witnesses include:

- Professor Joo-Cheong Tham
- Ms Jamie Leach, GIS People
- Mr Samuel Jones, International IDEA

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More detailed programs for the hearings, including witnesses, are available from [the Committee website](#) [Track this inquiry](#)