



Braille and crisis management

Three proposed treaties, covering a wide range of topics, will be investigated on Monday in Canberra.

The Marrakesh Treaty to facilitate access to published works for people who are vision impaired is intended to enable access to books and other materials in formats that are accessible to anyone with a print disability.

Committee Chair, Mr Wyatt Roy MP, said that it is vitally important that those who are sight impaired have equal access to print material, not just to entertainment but to technical material as well.

“However, we realise that there are some concerns regarding the commercial interests of rights holders,” Mr Roy said.

The agreement between Australia and the European Union provides a legal framework to facilitate Australia’s participation in international crisis management operations led by the European Union, and will make it easier to deploy Australian personnel for such activities as counter piracy operations in Somalia and civilian security reform in Ukraine.

Mr Roy said that Australia wants to make an effective contribution to crisis management operations undertaken by our international partners and this treaty will enable us to respond more quickly and efficiently.

**Public Hearing: Monday 10 August 2015,
Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House Canberra**

- 11.10am** *Marrakesh Treaty to facilitate access to published works for persons who are blind, vision impaired, or otherwise print disabled*
- 11.40am** *Agreement between Australia and the European Union establishing a framework for the participation of Australia in European Union crisis management operations*
- 12.15pm** **Close**

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

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