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### FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND AID SUB-COMMITTEE

### JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE

Inquiry into establishing a Modern Slavery Act in Australia

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## Committee to discuss modern slavery with DFAT

The Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee of the Australian Parliament's [Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade](#) will hear from the [Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#) (DFAT) at a public hearing on Thursday 19 October 2017 for its [inquiry into establishing a Modern Slavery Act in Australia](#).

The Sub-Committee is investigating whether elements of the UK *Modern Slavery Act 2015* could be introduced in Australia, particularly the UK requirement for businesses and organisations to report on how they ensure their global supply chains are free of slavery and human trafficking.

Chair of the Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee, Mr Chris Crewther MP, said the sub-committee welcomed the opportunity to further discuss Australia's approach to combatting modern slavery with Australia's Ambassador for People Smuggling and Human Trafficking, Mr Andrew Goledzinowski AM, and other departmental representatives.

"We look forward to hearing further from DFAT about Australia's efforts to combat modern slavery and human trafficking both here and around the world," Mr Crewther said. "The Sub-Committee is particularly interested to hear about actions the Australian Government has undertaken since our last hearing, including the outcomes of the recent Bali Process Government and Business Forum held in Perth on 24-25 August".

**Public hearing details: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Thursday 19 October, Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra**

This hearing will be streamed live at [www.aph.gov.au/live](http://www.aph.gov.au/live).

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