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Inquiry into establishing a Modern Slavery Act in Australia

Key government agencies to discuss modern slavery

The Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee of the Parliament's [Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade](#) will hear from key Commonwealth government agencies at a public hearing on Thursday 22 June 2017 for its inquiry into establishing a Modern Slavery Act in Australia, launched in February 2017.

Chair of the Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee, Mr Chris Crewther MP, said the sub-committee welcomed the opportunity to discuss Australia's approach to combatting modern slavery and human trafficking with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Attorney-General's Department.

"We look forward to speaking to key agencies about Australia's efforts to combat modern slavery and human trafficking both here and around the world," Mr Crewther said. "These discussions will inform the Sub-Committee's consideration of whether elements of the UK *Modern Slavery Act 2015* should be introduced here in Australia".

Public hearing details: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, Thursday 22 June, Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

This hearing will be streamed live at www.aph.gov.au/live.

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