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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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## **UK Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner 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 the United Kingdom's Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, Mr Kevin Hyland OBE, at a public hearing on Tuesday 30 May 2017 for its inquiry into establishing a Modern Slavery Act in Australia.

Chair of the Foreign Affairs and Aid Sub-Committee, Mr Chris Crewther MP, said the committee welcomed the opportunity to discuss Mr Hyland's important work in combatting modern slavery in the United Kingdom and around the world.

"Mr Hyland's experience as the UK Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner will help to inform the committee's inquiry into whether legislation similar to the UK *Modern Slavery Act 2015* should be introduced here in Australia," Mr Crewther said.

Mr Hyland was appointed the UK's first Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner in 2015 following the creation of the role by the *Modern Slavery Act 2015*. As Commissioner, Mr Hyland has focussed on strengthening law enforcement efforts in the UK and internationally, ensuring that public authorities identify and support victims effectively, and working to prevent modern slavery occurring around the world.

**Public hearing details: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, Tuesday 30 May, Committee Room 1R1, 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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