



## WA organisations contribute to inquiry into governance in the Indian Ocean Territories

The Joint Standing Committee of National Capital and External Territories will hear from Perth-based individuals and organisations as part of its inquiry into governance in the Indian Ocean Territories.

Committee Chair, Mr Luke Simpkins MP said, “recent hearings on Cocos (Keeling) and Christmas Islands reveal that residents have a range of views about their governance arrangements, and various ideas for economic development into the future. Some of these issues are ones that have been raised in previous inquiries, some are newer ones. The Committee intends to assess the situation in 2015, and to discuss ways to move forward.”

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE**      **Friday 8 May**

**VENUE**      **Committee Room 1, Western Australian Parliament, 18-32  
Parliament Place, West Perth**

<b>PROGRAM:</b>	8:30 am	Chair’s opening statement
	8:35 am	Mining to Plant Enterprises (MINTOPE) Project
	9:05 am	Dr Martin Drum
	9:35 am	Regional Development Australia – Mid West - Gascoyne
	10:10 am	Morning tea break
	10:25 am	St Johns Ambulance Western Australia
	11:00 am	Mr Madi Signa
	11:30 am	Mr Russell Payne
	12:00 noon	Close.

All members of the public are welcome to observe proceedings.

**For media comment:** Please contact the Committee Chair Luke Simpkins on 0433 286 770.

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