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Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Trade Sub-Committee

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Chair: Ms Janelle Saffin MP

Deputy: Hon Bruce Scott MP

### **Driving growth through international innovation**

Australia's international research and development relationships will be on the agenda at a public hearing of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade committee.

The Trade Sub-Committee will discuss the latest collaborations with Japan and South Korea with the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research in Canberra on Wednesday.

Sub-Committee chair Janelle Saffin said innovation will strengthen Australia's future economic prosperity and international competitiveness.

"Research and development is a crucial source of innovation and an important driver of economic growth," Ms Saffin said. "It is vital that government assist Australian companies to identify new innovative opportunities to strengthen Australia's competitiveness."

Details of the public hearing are as follows:

**Wednesday, 2 November 2011**

**11.00 am to 12.00 pm**

**Committee Room 1R2**

**Parliament House, CANBERRA**

Members of the public are welcome to attend. For a program and more details, visit the Committee's website:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jfadt/japanandkoreatrade/index.htm>

Proceedings will be audio broadcast on <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>

There is still an opportunity to contribute to this inquiry as the Committee will continue to accept submissions.

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