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Trade Sub-Committee

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Public hearing to examine trade and investment links with Japan and South Korea

Agriculture, education, financial services and investment will be among the topics explored by the Trade Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade as it continues its inquiry into Australia's trade and investment relationship with Japan and the Republic of Korea.

At a public hearing this Thursday in Melbourne, the Sub-Committee will hear from the Australian Industry Group, ANZ, Gordon TAFE, Deakin University, and Primary Industries and Resources South Australia.

Trade Sub-Committee Chair, Ms Janelle Saffin, said 'Australia's links with Japan and South Korea are amongst our most important trading relationships. The Sub-Committee welcomes the opportunity to examine Australia's relations with each country and look at ways to further strengthen these ties.'

Details of the public hearing are as follows:

Thursday, 15 November 2012

9.15 am to 12.50 pm

Committee Rooms (Room G.3)

Parliament of Victoria, 55 St Andrews Place, East Melbourne

Proceedings will also be audio broadcast on:

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