

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS, DEFENCE & TRADE**

**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**WATCHING BRIEF ON THE WAR ON TERRORISM  
PUBLIC HEARING**

The third in a series of public hearings on Australia's preparedness to manage and respond to the consequences of a terrorist attack in Australia will be held in Darwin on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> of July, 2003

The hearing is being conducted by the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade as part of the Committee's ongoing Watching Brief on Australia's involvement in the War on Terrorism and into related actions in response to terrorism.

The hearing on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> of July will focus on the role of the Northern Territory Government agencies in coordinating the immediate response to, and managing the consequences of, a terrorist attack.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**DATE:** Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2003  
**TIME:** 09:00am to 12 noon  
**PLACE:** Parliament House  
Level 3, Litchfield Room, End of Mitchell Street,  
DARWIN, 0800

Canberra  
10<sup>th</sup> July, 2003

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