

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

MEDIA STATEMENT

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

The fourth 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 Melbourne on Friday, 15th of August, 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 Friday, 15th of August will focus on the role of the Victorian Government agencies in coordinating the immediate response to, and managing the consequences of, a terrorist attack.

PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Friday, 15th August 2003
TIME: 09:30am to 12 noon
PLACE: Parliament House
Conference Room K
Spring Street
MELBOURNE VIC

Canberra
13th August, 2003

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