

**AUSTRALIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS
FIRST ANNUAL REVIEW PUBLIC HEARING**

**TUESDAY 2 JULY 2002
CANBERRA
COMMITTEE ROOM 2R1**

PROGRAM FOR THE HEARING

TIME	THEME
9.00am – 9.45am	Overview of current UN priorities Witnesses from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the Attorney-General's Department (AG's) will give an overview of current priorities and to outline: - extent and nature of Australia's support/involvement - whether there are other issues the Government considers should be priority issues for the United Nations
9.45am – 10.30am	Status of Australia's treaty obligations Witnesses from DFAT, AG's and the Office of the Status of Women will report on Australia's relationship with the UN treaty system, in particular the Government's intentions in relation to UN treaties which have been negotiated but which Australia has not yet ratified.
10.30am – 10.45am	Morning tea
10.45am – 11.30am	Involvement in UN peacekeeping operations Witnesses from DFAT and the Australia Defence Forces will report on Australia involvement in UN Peacekeeping operations, in particular the nature, direction and effectiveness of Australia's commitment.
11.30am – 12.15pm	Involvement in UN programs, funds and specialised agencies Witnesses from DFAT and AusAID will report on Australia's involvement in UN programs, funds and specialised agencies, in particular the nature, duration and effectiveness of Australia's commitment.
12.15pm – 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm – 2.15pm	Australia's permanent missions to the UN DFAT will report on the activities and effectiveness of Australia's permanent missions.
2.15pm – 3.00pm	Structural and financial reform in the UN DFAT will report on the progress of UN reform initiatives, in particular the nature, aims and likely effectiveness of reform initiatives (both those sponsored by Australia, and broader initiatives).
3.15pm – 3.30pm	Afternoon tea
3.30pm – 4.15pm	Costs and benefits of Australia's participation in the UN DFAT will report on measures taken by the Government and others to articulate the costs and benefits of participation in the UN.
4.15pm	Hearing ends