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 - (i) either House of the Parliament, or:
 - (ii) a Minister; and
- c) such other matters as may be referred to the Committee by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and on such conditions as the Minister may prescribe.

List of abbreviations

ACCI	Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
ACTU	Australian Council of Trade Unions
Austrade	Australian Trade Commission
DEWR	Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
DTA	Double Taxation Agreement
ILO	International Labour Organization
MFN	Most Favoured Nation
NIA	National Interest Analysis
SMEC	Snowy Mountain Engineering Corporation
WRMC	Workplace Relations Ministers' Council
WTO	World Trade Organization

List of recommendations

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Introduction

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Economic and Commercial Cooperation with Kazakhstan

Recommendation 1

The Committee supports Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Kazakstan on Economic and Commercial Cooperation, done at Almaty on 7 May 1997 and recommends that binding treaty action be taken.

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Recommendation 2

Where the provision of accurate information on the status of State and Territory legislative compliance cannot be provided at the time of the public hearing, the Committee must be provided with updated evidence as it is available, up until the tabling of the Committee's report.

Recommendation 3

The Committee supports International Labour Organization Convention No. 182: Convention concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour done at Geneva on 17 June 1999 and recommends that, subject to all legislation being in place for Australia to meet the required obligations, binding treaty action be taken.

Appendix A — Submissions

Appendix B — Witnesses