

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE on TREATIES

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Chair: Dr Andrew Southcott MP Deputy Chair: Mr Kim Wilkie MP

Indonesia Security Agreement and Treaty with East Timor

The Treaties Committee will hear evidence relating to two treaties at a public hearing on Monday 26 February 2007. The first, the Indonesia-Australia Security Agreement and the second, Australia-East Timor Certain Maritime Arrangements in the Timor Sea Treaty.

The agreement with Indonesia covers traditional and non-traditional security threats. It contains provisions on defence, counter-terrorism, intelligence, maritime security, aviation safety and security, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and emergency cooperation.

The treaty with East Timor will allow exploitation of the Greater Sunrise gas reservoirs to commence while suspending maritime boundary claims for 50 years and maintaining the current treaty arrangements in place. East Timor and Australia have agreed to share equally (50:50) the upstream revenues from the resource.

The public hearing will be held in **Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House**, **Canberra** on **Monday, 26 February 2007** from **10.00 am**. The public hearing will be broadcast on the House Monitoring Service, radio and webcast on the Parliament House website. Further information about the inquiry is available on the Committee's website:

Indonesia-Australia Security Agreement www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/6december2006/index.htm

Australia-East Timor Certain Maritime Arrangements Treaty www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jsct/6_7_february2007/index.htm

James Rees (Committee Secretary)

	PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM – 10.00 am-12.30 pm, 26 February 2007 Venue: Committee Room 2R1, second floor, Parliament House, Canberra
10.00 am	Agreement between Australia and the Republic of Indonesia on the Framework for Security Cooperation
	10.00 am – 10.45 am Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and other government departments
	10.45 am – 11.15 am Indonesian Solidarity
	11.15 am – 11.45 am Civil Liberties Australia
11.45 am	Australia-East Timor Certain Maritime Arrangements Treaty
12.30 pm	Close
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