



MODERN SLAVERY IN SUPPLY CHAINS REPORTING REQUIREMENT

CONSULTATION ROUNDTABLES

Why is the Australian Government holding consultation roundtables?

The Australian Government is committed to working collaboratively with the business community and civil society to ensure the proposed Modern Slavery in Supply Chains Reporting Requirement is simple, sensible and effective. As part of the national consultation process, the Attorney-General's Department (AGD) will hold a series of consultation roundtables in Canberra, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney over September and October 2017. Dates for the consultation roundtables are on **pages 2 and 3**.

These roundtables are an important opportunity to provide feedback directly to the Australian Government about the proposed reporting requirement. In addition to the consultation roundtables, AGD is also available to meet directly with business or civil society organisations to discuss the proposed reporting requirement.

What will the consultation roundtables focus on and how will they be run?

A copy of the agenda for each Roundtable is on **pages 4 and 5**. The consultation roundtables will focus on the consultation questions set out in the Australian Government's [public consultation paper](#). AGD will chair the roundtables, which will involve separate business and civil society specific sessions. Each of these sessions will be limited to approximately 20 attendees (a maximum of two attendees per organisation). This will ensure all participants have an opportunity to provide feedback. Extra sessions for business attendees have been scheduled for Sydney and Melbourne in light of the numbers of businesses based in these cities. Extra sessions for civil society will also be considered if required.

How can businesses and organisations register to attend?

The Australian Government encourages all interested businesses, industry groups and civil society organisations to attend the consultation roundtables. Please email slavery.consultations@ag.gov.au to register for a consultation roundtable or to request a direct meeting with AGD.

Will the consultation outcomes be made public?

The Australian Government will publish an anonymised summary of discussions once all consultation roundtables are complete. This will facilitate open and transparent consultation.

DATES AND LOCATIONS – CONSULTATION ROUNDTABLES

CANBERRA

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
CANBERRA BUSINESS SESSION	22 September	9am – 12:30pm	Attorney-General’s Department (3-5 National Circuit, Barton, ACT)
CANBERRA CIVIL SOCIETY SESSION	22 September	1:30pm – 4:30pm	Attorney-General’s Department (3-5 National Circuit, Barton, ACT)

MELBOURNE

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
MELBOURNE BUSINESS SESSION 1	9 October	9am – 12:30pm	TBC (Melbourne CBD)
MELBOURNE BUSINESS SESSION 2	9 October	1:30pm – 5:00pm	TBC (Melbourne CBD)
MELBOURNE BUSINESS SESSION 3	10 October	9am – 12:30pm	TBC (Melbourne CBD)
MELBOURNE CIVIL SOCIETY SESSION	10 October	1:30pm – 5:00pm	TBC (Melbourne CBD)

SYDNEY

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
SYDNEY BUSINESS SESSION 1	11 October	9am – 12:30pm	TBC (Sydney CBD)
SYDNEY BUSINESS SESSION 2	11 October	1:30pm – 5:00pm	TBC (Sydney CBD)
SYDNEY BUSINESS SESSION 3	12 October	9am – 12:30pm	TBC (Sydney CBD)
SYDNEY CIVIL SOCIETY SESSION	12 October	1:30pm – 5:00pm	TBC (Sydney CBD)

PERTH

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
PERTH BUSINESS SESSION	13 October	9am – 12:30pm	TBC (Perth CBD)
PERTH CIVIL SOCIETY SESSION	13 October	1:30pm – 5:00pm	TBC (Perth CBD)

AGENDA – MORNING CONSULTATION ROUNDTABLES

TIME	ITEM
9:00-9:10	Welcome and introductions
9:10-9:30	Introductory briefing from Government on proposal and next steps
9:30-10:30	<p>Discussion and feedback on proposed model: Scope</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the proposed definition of ‘modern slavery’ appropriate and simple to understand? 2. How should the Australian Government define a reporting ‘entity’ for the purposes of the reporting requirement? Should this definition include ‘groups of entities’ which may have aggregate revenue that exceeds the threshold? 3. How should the Australian Government define an entity’s revenue for the reporting requirement? Is \$100 million total annual revenue an appropriate threshold for the reporting requirement? 4. How should the Australian Government define an entity’s ‘operations’ and ‘supply chains’ for the purposes of the reporting requirement?
10:30-11:25	<p>Discussion and feedback on proposed model: Application</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. What regulatory impact will this reporting requirement have on entities? Can this regulatory impact be further reduced without limiting the effectiveness of the reporting requirement? 6. Are the proposed four mandatory criteria for entities to report against appropriate? Should other criteria be included, including a requirement to report on the number and nature of any incidences of modern slavery detected during the reporting period? 7. Is the five month deadline for entities to publish Modern Slavery Statements appropriate? Should this deadline be linked to the end of the Australian financial year or to the end of entities’ financial years? 8. Are the requirements for statements to be approved by boards and signed by directors appropriate?
11:25-12:20	<p>Discussion and feedback on proposed model: Monitoring and evaluation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. How should a central repository for Modern Slavery Statements be established and what functions should it include? Should the repository be run by the Government or a third party? 10. Noting the Government does not propose to provide for penalties for non-compliance, how can Government and civil society most effectively support entities to comply with the reporting requirement? What issues need to be covered in guidance material? 11. Is an independent oversight mechanism required, or could this oversight be provided by Government and civil society? If so, what functions should the oversight mechanism perform?
12:20-12:30	Close

AGENDA – AFTERNOON CONSULTATION ROUNDTABLES

TIME	ITEM
13:00-13:10	Welcome and introductions
13:10-13:30	Introductory briefing from Government on proposal and next steps
13:30-14:30	<p>Discussion and feedback on proposed model: Scope</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the proposed definition of ‘modern slavery’ appropriate and simple to understand? 2. How should the Australian Government define a reporting ‘entity’ for the purposes of the reporting requirement? Should this definition include ‘groups of entities’ which may have aggregate revenue that exceeds the threshold? 3. How should the Australian Government define an entity’s revenue for the reporting requirement? Is \$100 million total annual revenue an appropriate threshold for the reporting requirement? 4. How should the Australian Government define an entity’s ‘operations’ and ‘supply chains’ for the purposes of the reporting requirement?
14:30-15:25	<p>Discussion and feedback on proposed model: Application</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. What regulatory impact will this reporting requirement have on entities? Can this regulatory impact be further reduced without limiting the effectiveness of the reporting requirement? 6. Are the proposed four mandatory criteria for entities to report against appropriate? Should other criteria be included, including a requirement to report on the number and nature of any incidences of modern slavery detected during the reporting period? 7. Is the five month deadline for entities to publish Modern Slavery Statements appropriate? Should this deadline be linked to the end of the Australian financial year or to the end of entities’ financial years? 8. Are the requirements for statements to be approved by boards and signed by directors appropriate?
15:25-16:20	<p>Discussion and feedback on proposed model: Monitoring and evaluation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. How should a central repository for Modern Slavery Statements be established and what functions should it include? Should the repository be run by the Government or a third party? 10. Noting the Government does not propose to provide for penalties for non-compliance, how can Government and civil society most effectively support entities to comply with the reporting requirement? What issues need to be covered in guidance material? 11. Is an independent oversight mechanism required, or could this oversight be provided by Government and civil society? If so, what functions should the oversight mechanism perform?
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