



Indonesia-Australia Parliamentary Committees Workshop: The Role of Committees in the Policy Making Process

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- Mr Abdillah Toha — Chair of Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation Committee (BKSAP)
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- Professor Andrew MacIntyre – Director, Crawford School of Economics & Government, College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU
- Dr Benjamin Reilly – Director, CDI
- Mr Quinton Clements – Deputy Director, CDI
- Dr Stephen Sherlock – CDI Associate
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Workshop Goal:

To facilitate and enhance deeper Indonesia-Australia parliamentary links through discussions by Indonesian and Australian parliamentarians with a common interest in foreign policy, trade and security issues, and the sharing of ideas on best practice in the work of parliamentary committees.

Description:

CDI is organising, in conjunction with the Department of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Australia, the second Indonesia-Australia Parliamentary Committee Workshop. This workshop follows on from the seminar convened by CDI on the Parliamentary Oversight of Treaties in July 2005 at the Hotel Mulia Senayan in Jakarta. That seminar brought together Members and secretariat staff from both parliaments' foreign affairs committees to discuss the central issues of international law and their implications for domestic politics. The seminar deepened ties between the Indonesian and Australian parliaments by facilitating exchange at the highest levels.

As in 2005, the second Workshop will involve Members and staff of Commission One (Commission on Foreign Affairs, Defence, Communication and Information), House of Representatives, Republic of Indonesia. The Indonesian delegation will be led by Mr Sidarto Danusubroto, Vice Chairman of Commission One, and include Mr Abdillah Toha, Chairman of the Committee for Inter-

Parliamentary Cooperation (BKSAP). Members of the Australian Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (JSCFADT), Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (JSCOT) and Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJSCIS), together with senior parliamentary staff from the House of Representatives, the Senate and the Parliamentary Research Service, have been invited to participate.

The workshop will be held on Friday 25th May 2007 at Parliament House in Canberra. This date has been chosen so as to coincide with the Australian Senate's Budget Estimates hearings, which are meetings where Senators can question Ministers and their officials about the expenditure of government funds. The Indonesian delegation will be invited to observe an estimates hearing in progress and attend question time in the House of Representatives.

The theme for the Workshop is 'Understanding the role of Parliamentary Committees in policy making in Indonesia and Australia'. The aim of the Workshop is to facilitate discussions by Members of Commission One and Australian Federal parliamentarians with a common interest in foreign policy, trade and security issues. Participants will also have an opportunity to look at aspects of parliamentary practice in our respective parliaments.

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Program Friday 25 May 2007	
8.45 – 9.00	Registration & light refreshments available
Session I: Opening – Chair: Mr Quinton Clements	
9.00 – 10.00	<p>Introductory remarks - Mr Clements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Welcome - Dr Benjamin Reilly (Director, CDI)▪ Introductions▪ Formal Opening – Mr Harry Jenkins MP, former Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Parliament of Australia▪ Setting the Scene: Committees in the Australian & Indonesian parliaments - Dr Stephen Sherlock, CDI Associate
10.00 – 10.15	Morning Tea
Session II: Regional Security and the Australia-Indonesia Relationship: The Role of Committees – Chair: Dr Benjamin Reilly	
10.15 – 12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Keynote Address by Professor Andrew McIntyre - Director, Crawford School of Economics & Government, College of Asia and the Pacific, Australian National University▪ Mr Sidarto Danusubroto - Vice-Chairman, Commission One▪ Senator Alan Ferguson - Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence & Trade▪ Presentation on the Lombok Treaty by Ms Michelle Chan – Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade▪ General discussion



12:30-1:30	Lunch: Private Dining Room 1 – Welcome by Mr Ian Harris, Clerk, House of Representatives, Parliament of Australia
Session III: Making Committees Work I: The role of the Chair, decision-making & meeting procedures – Chair: Mr Quinton Clements	
1.30 – 3.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Opening remarks by Mr Sidarto Danusubroto▪ The Hon. David Jull MP, Chair, Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence & Security▪ General discussion
3.00 – 3:15	Afternoon Tea
Session IV: Making Committees Work II: Resources & staffing; strategies for gathering & using resources; & working relations between Members & staff – Chair: Dr Stephen Sherlock	
3.15 – 5.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Opening remarks by Mr Abdillah Toha, Chairman, Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation▪ Senator Alan Eggleston▪ Committee Secretaries▪ Parliamentary Library▪ General discussion▪ Drawing conclusions and recommendations
7.30pm	Workshop Dinner at University House, ANU – hosted by CDI.



Commissions (*Komisi*) of the House of Representatives (*Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat (DPR)*)

The eleven Commissions of the DPR are the principal working bodies where the constitutional roles of the DPR are actually carried out. Their functions and powers are:

- To discuss, prepare and complete the formulation of draft legislation before its final assent in a Plenary Meeting
- To monitor or oversee the policies and activities of executive government
- To call Ministers government officials to public or closed hearings
- To hold preliminary meetings to discuss Budget Bills in their respective subject areas, before the Bills are passed to the Budget Committee for final decision
- To propose draft legislation for the consideration of the DPR
- To exercise the DPR's right to appoint or to be consulted on the incumbency of a range of positions of state, including the Supreme Court, Supreme Audit Agency (BPK), central bank (Bank Indonesia), National Commission for Human Rights (KomnasHAM), General Elections Commission (KPU) and ambassadorships

Commissions are key bodies in the DPR because they are the main place where draft legislation is considered and where changes to Bills are made. As the point in the legislative process where substance rather than procedure or protocol is involved, the Commissions have the power to reject, delay or facilitate Bills and to determine their content. They are also one of the principal forms of formal contact between executive government and the DPR and

the main site where the parliament exercises both formal authority and practical power over the President, Ministers and government agencies. Not only does the Commissions' role in law-making give them the power to influence the course of government policy and actions, but the questioning of government representatives has the potential to seriously embarrass Ministers or officials. The power to determine or influence appointments to the positions of state outlined above can profoundly influence the actual execution of government policy.

There are 11 Commissions, defined according to their subject area and the executive government bodies they oversee:

Commission I	Foreign Affairs, Defence, Information
Commission II	Home Affairs, Regional Autonomy, State Apparatuses, Land Issues
Commission III	Law, Human Rights, Security
Commission IV	Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Food
Commission V	Transportation, Telecommunication, General Works, People's Housing, Rural Development, Underdeveloped Regions
Commission VI	Industry, Trade, Cooperatives/Small & Medium Enterprise, State-Owned Companies, Investments, National Standardisation
Commission VII	Energy, Mining, Research & Technology, Environment
Commission VIII	Religion, Social Issues, Women's



	Empowerment.
Commission IX	Demography, Health, Labour, Transmigration
Commission X	Education, Youth, Sport, Tourism, Art & Culture
Commission XI	Finance, National Planning, Non-Bank Financial Institutions

Each Commission can also form Sub-Commissions (*Subkomisi*) to assist in their work. There can be up to a maximum of 3 Sub-Commissions for each Commission. Commission I, for example, has Sub-Commissions on Defence, Foreign Affairs and Information and Communication.

Each Member of the DPR must be a Member of one Commission and one Sub-Commission. The membership of each of the Commissions is determined in proportion to the size of the party caucus (*Fraksi*). This means that each *Fraksi* should have approximately one-tenth of their number represented on each Commission with, for example, Golkar having around 13 Members per Commission and the three smallest *Fraksi* having one or two Members in each Commission. The total size of each Commission is around 60 Members.

Each Commission has a Leadership (*Pimpinan*) composed of a Chair (*Ketua*) and 3 Vice-Chairs (*Wakil Ketua*). The Members of the

Leadership of each Commission are very influential individuals, both because of their role within the Commissions and their role in representing the Commissions in other bodies in the DPR. The Leadership schedules the Commission's meetings and hearings, determines their agenda and presides over them. The Leadership also decides the composition of Sub-Commissions and the Commission's representation in the Budget Committee (see below) and has the power to change that representation. The Leaderships of the Commissions regularly confer with the Leadership of the House and with the Steering Committee over the introduction and scheduling of discussions on Bills.

While Commissions in general are very important bodies in the DPR, there is an imbalance in the relative power and status of the different Commissions. Three Commissions stand out as exercising particular influence because of their subject areas and the government agencies they oversee. Since Commission I covers foreign affairs, defence and security it has a clear pivotal position in the fundamental issues of state. Commission I has responsibility for the Department of Defence, Department of Foreign Affairs, Indonesian National Army, State Minister of Communications and Information, National Resilience Council, State Intelligence Agency, State Code Institute, National Information Agency, National News Agency (Antara), State Intelligence Coordinating Board.



The Members of the Commission I Delegation

Marcus Silanno

Marcus Silanno is a member of the Democratic Party Faction within the Democratic Party. He was born on 25 May 1943 and has a bachelor degree. He is married and is a Christian Protestant. He was previously the chairman for education and culture of the Kandida Foundation East Java – Indonesia and President of a private company, PT Sarana Wisma Permai, based in Surabaya, East Java.

Drs. Sidarto Danusubroto SH. (Vice-Chairman, Commission I)

Sidarto Danusubroto is a member of the Indonesia Democratic Party Struggle (PDIP), the second largest political party in Indonesia during the 2001 – 2002 election year. He was born in Pandegelang West Java on 11 June 1936. He has a bachelor degree in law. He is married and is a Muslim.

Sidarto was a police officer and became a Ajuntant to the Indonesian President in 1967. He was Deputy Commandant of the Jakarta Police in 1968, then Police Commandant of Tangerang (West Java) Police Resort in 1974 and then served in the Department of Information at Jakarta Police Headquarters in 1975. In 1976, he was Chief of Indonesia International Police Cooperation, then became Deputy Chief of West Java Police three years latter. He was appointed as chief of police for several local districts such as South Sumatera in 1986 and West Java in 1988.

Sidarto Danusubroto worked in the private sector as Director of PT. Mekatama Raya, Jakarta in 1991 and was a Commissioner of PT. Persada Arun Harmoni in Jakarta in 1992. He is now taking role as commissioner for two companies in Indonesia, PT Sunson Textile Industry and PT Bandung Pakar, both located in Bandung West Java.

He has held several posts in the PDIP including Vice Chairman of Development and Research Department in 1998 and Vice Treasurer in 2001.

Andi Muhammad Ghalib, Lt. General, Army (retired)

Andi Muhammad Ghalib was born on 3 June 1946 in Bone, South Sulawesi. He is a member of the United Development Party. He majored in law at university and has attended several overseas courses in law. He is married and a Muslim.

Much of his career was spent in the military, rising to the rank of Lieutenant General. He held several posts including Head, Bureau of Law of the Central Education for Law of the Indonesian Army Forces, Head of Legal Affairs of the Military District Command in Bukit Barisan (Sumatera Region), Defence Attache at the Indonesian Embassy in Singapore, Deputy Head of Legal Affairs of the Army's Strategic Command, Acting Regent in Jeneponto Regency, South Sulawesi, Acting Mayor of Makasar, South Sulawesi, Military Prosecutor at the appeals level of the Indonesian Army, Head of Legal Advisor of the Indonesian Army and Attorney General of the



Republic of Indonesia during the administration of Abdurrahman Wahid. He has received numerous decorations for his service.

He has been active in sports administration and is currently Vice President of Wrestling Asia.

Abdillah Toha (Chairman, BKSAP)

Abdillah Toha was born in Solo, Central Java on 5 February 1951. He is a member of the National Mandate Party. He is now the chairperson of the Central Board of the National Mandate Party and is a member of the Association of Indonesian Muslim Intellectuals and Association of Indonesian Financial Executives. He graduated from the University of Western Australia, majoring in Economics. He is married and is a Muslim.

His career has been spent in the private sector, working for companies such as Bank of America in 1968, PT. Updita in 1971 and PT. Mahkota Mediatara Utama in 1996.

In addition to being a member of Commission 1, Mr Toha is Chairman of the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation (BKSAP) which is responsible for the DPR's relations with foreign legislatures and international parliamentary organisations. He has also been a member of the Indonesia-Australia Association.

Yorrys Raweyai

Yorrys Raweyai was born at Serui on 28 January 1951. He is a member of the Golkar Party. He holds Doctor of Philosophy in

Political Science, Honoris Causa, from Pacific Western University, Los Angeles. He previously studied in Oil Management in London (1976 – 1977). He is married and is a Christian Protestant.

Yorrys was a member of the *Majelis Permusyawaratan Rakyat* (MPR) from 1997 to 2002 as a representative from Irian Jaya. He was elected to the DPR in 2004. Previously he been employed as a branch manager for PT Philis Petroleum, Sorong Papua (1971-1976).

Soeharno, PA SH

Soeharno was born on at Wonosari on 2 November 1953. He is a member of the National Awakening Party. He has an undergraduate law degree. He is married, a Muslim and lives in Jakarta.

He was the personal secretary of Sultan HB X, monarch of the remaining kingdom of Central Java. Soeharno also was employed as operational manager of LPK PAPMI with the Special Territory of Jogjakarta – Central Java.

Soeharno is involved in number of organizations such as the Indonesia Journalists Association and as secretary of Radya Binatama, the Communication Academy Foundation in Jogjakarta, Central Java.

The Staff of the Commission I Delegation

Yudha Akbar Pally

Yudha works for the Committee for Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation as an “expert” staff member. He was born on 13 November 1978 and



has a degree in international relations from the University Nasional UNAS Jakarta. He is not married.

Yudha previously worked as a language trainer as well as a coordinator for several student associations such as (CAS) Community of Asian Studies, Tim 9 Kajian UNAS and Student Actual Analysis UNAS. Yudha has published an article on “Why an European Constitution?” in the Journal of European Studies of the University of Indonesia.

Damayanti Harris

Damayanti Harris is head of the secretariat of Commission 1. She holds a master degree in Public Policy from University of Indonesia. She lives in Jakarta and was born in Bandung West Java on 11 February 1962. She is married and is a Mulsim.

Damayanti had several different roles in the DPR’s Secretariat General before her appointment to the Commission 1 secretariat. These included joining the parliamentary library in 1987, becoming Head of Catalogue Section in the Parliamentary Library in 1990, Head of Service Section in 1993, and Staff of Assistance of Secretary General for Welfare Affairs in 1996 and then head of the Parliamentary Library from 1999 to 2004.

Esther K. Sianipar

Esther K. Sianipar is an “expert” staff member specializing in foreign affairs for Commission 1. She was born in Jakarta on 22 June 1974. She holds a bachelor degree in Political Science and Masters in

International Affairs, both from the University of Ohio, Athena USA. She is married and is a Christian.

She has worked as an Advisor to the Students’ Association for South East Asia (SASEA) – Arizona State University; Advisor to the Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations – Arizona Chapter; Secretary to the Asian American Faculty and Staff Association (AAFSA) – Arizona State University; Indonesian Director, Arizona Asian American Association – Arizona; Co-Chair, Southeast Asian Studies Association – Ohio University and International Student Senator and Program Director of American International Association – Wittenberg University, OHIO.

Esther was a Program Officer & Consultant, Coalition for Healthy Indonesia, John Hopkins University, Center for Communication Programs, Jakarta-Based (2004-2005); Outreach Coordinator & Academic Advisor, Program for Southeast Asian Studies, Arizona State University, AZ, USA (2001-2004); and Assistant to the Director of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Ohio University, Athens OHIO, USA (1999-2000).

Abdul Malik Mudjib

Abdul Malik Mudjib is an ‘expert’ staff member specializing in defense and security issues for Commission 1. He is also currently a lecturer at the University of Indonesia. He was born in Probolinggo, East Java on 3 May 1973, is married and is a Muslim. He has both Bachelor and Master degrees in political science from the University of Indonesia. He was Chair of the Indonesian Muslim Students



Organization or *Persatuan Mahasiswa Islam Indonesia* (PMII); and Secretary General of the General Students Movement Ansor or *Pimpinan Pusat Gerakan Pemuda Ansor* (PP GP Ansor). He was involved in the Division Information and Socialization on the Community Network for Observing the Indonesia's General Election or *Jaringan Masyarakat Pemantau Pemilu Indonesia* (JAMPPI) (1999-2003) and was a Coordinator for Research and Training at the Center Study of Averous (2001-2003).

Members of Parliament | Australia

Mr Harry Jenkins MP

Harry Jenkins was born in Melbourne and educated at Ivanhoe Grammar. After moving to Canberra to work for the Department of Repatriation, he studied part-time at the Australian National University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in 1975.

Harry was a councillor on the Whittlesea Shire Council (1979 - 1986) and was shire president from 1984 to 1985. He worked for the Department of Veterans' Affairs in Melbourne until his election to Parliament at a by-election in 1986.

Harry was elected Deputy Speaker in 1993 and Second Deputy Speaker in 1996.

Senator Alan Ferguson

Senator Ferguson was sworn in as a Senator for South Australia in June 1992.

Senator Ferguson's hometown is Weetulla (population: 8) on South Australia's Yorke Peninsula, located some 170 kilometres from Adelaide. Yorke Peninsula is primarily an agricultural area, producing cereals, pulses, wool, beef and prime lamb. There is also a growing marine industry harvesting prawns, crayfish, oysters, crabs and abalone.

Prior to joining Parliament, Senator Ferguson was involved in the agriculture and finance industries. His working life began on the family property at Weetulla.

From 1960 to 1985, he was the farm owner and joint manager of his farming property at Weetulla specialising in grain, sheep and pig production. From 1985 to 1992, Senator Ferguson was a self-employed insurance and superannuation consultant.

Senator Ferguson is particularly proud of his close association with rural Australia.

Senator Ferguson joined his local branch of the Liberal Party in 1963. Since then he has been actively involved with the Party at every opportunity and is proud of the achievement of the Howard Government since its election in 1996.

Since joining Parliament, Senator Ferguson has been involved in numerous delegations, committees and parliamentary activities.

Current positions:

- Chairman, Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (appointed on 1 July 1999).



- Chairman, Government Policy Committee on Treasury, Finance and Public Administration, Financial Services and Regulation.
- Member, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.
- Member, Parliamentary Standing Committee on ASIO, ASIS and DSD.

Hon David Jull MP

David Jull was born in Kingaroy, educated at “Churchie” (Anglican Church Grammar School), and began his career as a cadet journalist and radio announcer at 4BH. In 1965, he moved to Brisbane television station Channel 10 where he soon became News Director and ultimately Deputy General Manager of the station.

He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1975 and has held the seats of Bowman and Fadden for 25 years. He lost his seat in 1983 and for 22 months was Deputy General Manager of the Queensland Tourist and Travel Corporation. He was re-elected in 1984 and served for six years in the Shadow Ministry and Cabinet in the portfolio of Tourism, Aviation and Sport. In 1995, Mr Jull served for three months as a Member of the Australian Delegation to the United Nations in New York.

On the election of the Howard Government in 1996, he was appointed Minister for Administrative Services where he undertook probably the biggest reform programme of Government business activities since Federation.

Mr Jull chairs the Parliament’s Intelligence and Security Committee and is Chair of the Foreign Affairs subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. He has also served on a number of other committees during his parliamentary career, including the House Standing Committee on Privileges and the House Standing Committee on Transport, Communications and the Arts.

He was re-elected in 2004 having achieved a significant swing in both primary and two-party preferred votes.

Mr Kim Wilkie MP

Kim Wilkie was elected as the Member for Swan in 1998. Before that, he was manager of the YMCA Skillshare in Victoria Park, coordinating the YMCA's employment and training programs. He has also worked as a youth employment placement officer, prison officer and farmer. Kim served as a Councillor for the City of South Perth from 1993 to 1998. He is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Victoria Park.

Since being elected, Kim has been a member of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Workplace Relations which has reported on Employee Share Ownership and Employment Programs for over 45's. He is the Deputy Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties which makes recommendations to Parliament on all treaties Australia enters into.



Kim has represented Australia on a number of occasions. In 1999, he was Deputy Leader of the delegations to Cambodia and the Association of South East Asian Nations Interparliamentary Organisation Conference. In 2000, Kim was a representative at the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum and a member of the Australian delegation observing elections in Zimbabwe.

Senator Alan Eggleston

Alan Eggleston sought election to the Senate to give people in the North West of Western Australia a voice in the Federal Parliament. He was elected for his first six-year term in 1996 and re-elected in the 2001 election. His current term expires in June 30 2008. Because of the North West's proximity to Asia, the spectacular growth of the Chinese economy, and further potential for future mineral and industrial development, Alan believes the region will continue to play a significant role in the Australian economy.

The North West contributes a significant amount to the national economy from mining, tourism, agricultural and pastoral industries, and aquaculture. The region demonstrates the ethnic diversity of Australia at large, with people from many countries residing in the North West.

Alan's policy interests include:

- Northern regional development and related issues including mining, tourism, transport, communications, indigenous matters, coastal surveillance and infrastructure development.

- Foreign Affairs and Trade particularly with North East and South East Asian countries.
- Health policy in general and rural health issues in particular
- Ethnic affairs and migration.

Alan currently chairs the Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee and is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade as well as the Joint Committee on Migration. He is the Chairman of the Australian Parliament's Australia-Indonesia Parliamentary Group.

Mr Michael Danby MP

Michael Danby was born in 1955 and has lived all his life in Melbourne Ports. He was educated at Elwood State School, Mount Scopus College and Melbourne University, where he was active in student politics and joined the Australian Labor Party. Before entering politics he worked as a journalist and editor, and then for federal Labor ministers Barry Cohen and Alan Griffiths. He was also an industrial officer with the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees' Association.

Michael was elected as Labor Member for Melbourne Ports in 1998, and was re-elected in 2001 and 2004. Since his election his main areas of interest have been foreign affairs, defence and national security, immigration, electoral matters, human rights and the environment. He has also been active on the issue of the child care crisis in inner urban areas such as Melbourne Ports.



In the Parliament Michael serves as one of two Opposition Whips. He is Deputy Chair of the Parliament's Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, and a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. He is Secretary of the Labor Party's National Security Caucus Committee. He is Deputy Chair of the Australia-United States Parliamentary Friendship Group, Secretary of the Australia-Israel Friendship Group, and Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Tibet.

Mr Bob Sercombe MP

Bob Sercombe was born in Melbourne and has an Arts degree from the University of Melbourne. From 1971 to 1975 he worked in the public service before joining the Williamstown Council as a social planner. From 1980 to 1983 he was an administrator in a community health centre and in 1983 he became a consultant to the then federal Minister Clyde Holding.

In 1988, Bob was elected to the Victorian Legislative Assembly as the Member for Niddrie. He was Deputy Opposition Leader between March 1993 and May 1994. Bob was elected to the House of Representatives for Maribyrnong in Victoria in 1996, and re-elected at each subsequent election.

Bob is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade. He was Shadow Minister for the Pacific Islands from October 2004 to December 2006. He is married with two children.

Parliamentary Officers | Australia

Dr Margot Kerley

Margot Kerley is currently the secretary to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade and has been a parliamentary officer since 1991. Margot has worked for both the House of Representatives and the Senate, including Committees on the Loan Council, the Print Media and more recently, the Joint Committee on Public Accounts and Audit.

Mr James Rees

James Rees has worked for the Department of the House of Representatives since 1991, originally commencing in the Table Office. Since 1991, James has worked in several offices in the department including two stints in both the Table Office and the Committee Office broken by a nine month secondment to the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales during 1999. James returned to the Committee Office in May 2006 as Secretary of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Vocational Training and Secretary of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties. He also takes his turn at being Deputy Clerk in the Main Committee. He is originally from Canberra and studied at the Australian National University.

Ms Margaret Swieringa

In 1990, Ms Swieringa began work in the Committee Office of the House of Representatives, having had a career in education for over 20



years. She is currently the Committee Secretary to the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Intelligence and Security. This role involves organising the committee's work - providing management, research and drafting services and procedural advice to the members of the committee in the course of the Parliamentary inquiries they undertake.

Glenn Worthington

Glenn Worthington is currently a Director in the Office of the Clerk Assistant (Committees). He joined the Department of the House of Representatives in 2002 and has supported the Joint Standing Committee of Treaties and the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit. Prior to joining the department, Glenn worked as a research specialist in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library.

Library Research Staff

Mr Nigel Brew

Director - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Section

Nigel Brew holds a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology and Social Anthropology), a Master of Arts (Psychology), and a Master of Criminology, all from the University of Sydney. Prior to becoming Director of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Section, Nigel worked for four years as the Library's security and policing specialist, and as an analyst in various law enforcement and security-related agencies for seven years before that.

Dr Frank Frost

Special Director Research - Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Section

Dr Frank Frost has worked in the Parliamentary Library for 30 years. He has also taught Southeast Asian politics at the University of Sydney, and been a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore and at the Centre for the Study of Australia-Asia Relations, Griffith University, Brisbane. Frank's main areas of interest are East Asian international relations, ASEAN and regional cooperation, and Australia-Asia relations. His publications include *Australia's War in Vietnam* (Sydney, 1987) and (with Moreen Dee), 'Indochina', in Peter Edwards and David Goldsworthy (eds), *Facing North: A Century of Australian Engagement with Asia* (Melbourne, 2003).

Ms Jane Grace

Director - Law and Bills Digest Section

Jane Grace holds a Bachelor of Social Work (1st Class Hons) and Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales, and a Master of Laws (International) from the Australian National University. She is admitted to the New South Wales Supreme Court (1992) and the High Court (2001). Jane has been Director of the Law and Bills Digest Section for four years and previously worked in the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department where she was involved in civil justice, administrative law, federal jurisdiction, public international law and national security.



Dr Timothy Kendall

Australian Parliamentary Fellow 2007 - Based in the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Section

Dr Timothy Kendall is the Australian Parliamentary Fellow for 2007. Now in its 37th year, the Fellowship provides support to the Fellow for twelve months to undertake a research project, prepare a monograph and undertake client work in the Library. Timothy's research focuses on the various ways the Australian Parliament has viewed the relationship between Australia and China. In addition to his PhD, Timothy also holds a Masters degree in literature and history from the University of Melbourne. He has previously worked in the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, as well as in various academic teaching positions at several Melbourne universities, and is the author of the book *Ways of Seeing China: From Yellow Peril to Shangrila* (2005).

Ms Cathy Madden

Director - Politics and Public Administration Section

Cathy Madden has been Director of the Politics and Public Administration Section since 1997. She has held various positions in the Parliamentary Library, including that of Senior Law information

specialist. Cathy holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons), a Grad Dip Library Studies and a Grad Dip Legal Studies. Her primary areas of interest are Australian politics, public service, and local government.

Ms Juli Tomaras

Senior Researcher - Law and Bills Digest Section

Juli Tomaras (BEC, LLB, Grad Dip Fam Law, Grad Dip Int Rels, M. Int Rels (Monash), LLM (ANU)) is presently completing a Masters of Legal Practice at the Australian National University while on leave from her PhD study, which is examining Youth Political Participation in Indonesia. Juli has worked in the Parliamentary Library for over three years, in both the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, and Law and Bills Digest Sections. Juli previously taught law and international relations units at Melbourne University, and worked as a researcher at Monash University. She has lived and undertaken research in Yogyakarta, and worked as the project coordinator on the EU's Eastward Enlargement Project. Juli also participated in a community-building program in Bulgaria in 1996 focusing on the Bosnian conflict.