



Ministerial Submission

FOR: Senator the Hon Marise Payne
INFO: Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham

Action Requested By: 30 June 2019
Reason for Urgency: Ahead of the meeting

Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM) 42 – Prague from 1-11 July 2019

<p>Key Issues: The 42nd Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting will take place in Prague from 1–11 July. Richard Rowe PSM (DFAT) will lead the delegation, which will include officers from DFAT, the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD), the Tasmanian State Government, and an academic observer. s47E(d), s33(a)(iii)</p>	
<p>Recommendation: That you: s47E(d)</p>	<p>Decision: s47E(d)</p>
<p>Domestic/Media Considerations: s47E(d)</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>Marise Payne / /</p>	
<p>Information: <u>Noted</u></p> <p>Simon Birmingham / /</p>	
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<p>s47E(d)</p>	
<p>Consultation: s47E(d)</p>	



Background:

The 42nd Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM XLII) and 22nd meeting of the Committee for Environmental Protection (CEP XXII) will take place in Prague from 1–11 July. Richard Rowe PSM, former Senior Legal Adviser and First Assistant Secretary for the Legal Division, will lead Australia's delegation. The delegation will include officers from DFAT, the Department of the Environment and Energy's Australian Antarctic Division (AAD), the Tasmanian State Government and an academic observer s 47F(1)

2. The ATCM and the CEP meet annually to discuss Antarctic governance. Discussions span institutional matters, environmental protection, scientific cooperation, tourism and aviation. Meetings are attended by Antarctic Treaty parties, observers and invited experts. Decisions are made on a consensus basis.

s33(a)(iii), s47E(d)