

SELECT COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN INTERFERENCE THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

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The Senate's <u>Select Committee on Foreign Interference through Social Media</u> has been in communication with Facebook to arrange their appearance at a public hearing. Facebook was initially willing to participate and tentatively confirmed as a witness for the hearing set down for Friday 25 September.

Facebook has since stated that key personnel are not willing to make themselves available on this date. Facebook has expressed a preference for any appearance to be after the US election.

TikTok and the University of Canberra's News and Media Research Centre remain confirmed as witnesses for Friday.

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