

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

The committee met on Thursday, 16 February 2012 from 9.00 am until 10.42 pm.

The committee called the:

- department and agencies of the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio, including Austrade, the Australian Export Finance and Insurance Corporation and AusAID.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- a cable sent from the Australian Ambassador in Washington following a meeting with the US Secretary of State
- travel and accommodation arrangements for the Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Australia's bid for a seat on the United Nations Security Council
- the commissioning of an Asia white paper, headed by Dr Ken Henry
- recent activities surrounding anti-whaling activists
- the Australia Network tender process
- implementation of recommendations from the 'Independent review of effective aid'.