

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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## SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Public Hearings: BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2012-13**

**Monday, 28 May to Thursday, 31 May 2012 and if required  
Friday, 1 June 2012**

**Main Committee Room  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT**

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### AGENDA

**MONDAY, 28 MAY 2012**

**9.00am – 11.00pm Defence Portfolio**

**9.00am – 11.00pm Department of Defence\***  
**Opening statement by Secretary of Defence**  
**Opening statement by Chief of the Defence Force**  
**Questions arising from Secretary/CDF opening statements** (may cover major programs that would normally be covered later in the program)  
**Portfolio Overview and budget summary**

**Outcome 1—The protection and advancement of Australia's national interests through the provision of military capabilities and promotion of security and stability.**  
Program 1.1—Office of the Secretary and Chief of the Defence Force  
Program 1.2—Navy Capabilities  
Program 1.3—Army Capabilities

- Program 1.4—Air Force Capabilities
- Program 1.5—Intelligence Capabilities
- Program 1.6—Defence Support
- Program 1.7—Defence Science and Technology
- Program 1.8—Chief Information Officer
- Program 1.9—Vice-Chief of the Defence Force
- Program 1.10—Joint Operations Command
- Program 1.11—Capability Development
- Program 1.12—Chief Finance Officer
- Program 1.13—People Strategies and Policy
- Program 1.14—Defence Force Superannuation Benefits
- Program 1.15—Defence Force Superannuation Nominal Interest
- Program 1.16—Housing Assistance
- Program 1.17—Other administered items

**Outcome 2—The advancement of Australia’s strategic interests through the conduct of military operations and other tasks as directed by Government.**

- Program 2.1—Operations contributing to the security of the immediate neighbourhood
- Program 2.2—Operations supporting wider interests

**Outcome 3—Support to the Australian community and civilian authorities as requested by Government.**

**Defence Materiel Organisation**

**Outcome 1—Contributing to the preparedness of the Australian Defence Organisation through acquisition and through-life support of military equipment and supplies.**

- Program 1.1—Management of Capability Acquisition
- Program 1.2—Management of Capability Sustainment
- Program 1.3—Provision of Policy Advice and Management Services

\*Department of Defence continues on Tuesday, 29 May 2012  
9.00am – 6.00pm.

<b>Proposed breaks</b>	Morning tea	10.30am – 10.45am
	Lunch	12.00pm – 1.30pm
	Afternoon tea	3.30pm – 3.45pm
	Dinner	6.30pm – 7.30pm
	Tea Break	9.00pm – 9.15pm

**TUESDAY, 29 MAY 2012**

**9.00am – 11.00pm    Defence Portfolio**

**9.00am – 6.00pm    Department of Defence (continuation)**

**6.00pm – 6.30pm    Defence Housing Australia**  
*Outcome: To contribute to Defence outcomes by providing total housing services that meet Defence operational and client needs through a strong customer and business focus.*

**7.30pm-11.00pm    Department of Veterans' Affairs**  
**Portfolio overview**  
**Corporate and general matters**

**Outcome 1: Maintain and enhance the financial wellbeing and self-sufficiency of eligible persons and their dependants through access to income support, compensation, and other support services, including advice and information about entitlements.**

Program 1.1: Veterans' income support and allowances.

Program 1.2: Veterans' disability support.

Program 1.3: Assistance to Defence widow/ers and dependants.

Program 1.4: Assistance and other compensation for veterans and dependants.

Program 1.5: Veterans' children education scheme.

Program 1.6: Military rehabilitation and compensation acts payments—income support and compensation

Program 1.7: Adjustments to military rehabilitation and compensation acts liability provision—income support and compensation.

**Outcome 2: Maintain and enhance the physical wellbeing and quality of life of eligible persons and their dependants through health and other care services that promote early intervention, prevention and treatment, including advice and information about health service entitlements.**

Program 2.1: General medical consultations and services

Program 2.2: Veterans' hospital services

Program 2.3: Veterans' pharmaceutical benefits

Program 2.4: Veterans' community care and support

Program 2.5: Veterans' counselling and other health services

Program 2.6: Military rehabilitation and compensation acts—health and other care services.

Program 2.7: Adjustment to the military rehabilitation and compensation acts liability provisions—health other care services.

**Outcome 3: Acknowledgement and commemoration of those who served Australia and its allies in wars, conflicts and peace operations through promoting recognition of service and sacrifice, preservation of Australia's wartime heritage, and official commemorations.**

### **Australian War Memorial**

**Outcome 1: Australians remembering, interpreting and understanding the Australian experience of war and its enduring impact through maintaining and developing the National Memorial, its collection and exhibition of historical material, commemorative ceremonies and research.**

Program 1.1: Commemorative ceremonies

Program 1.2: National memorial and grounds

Program 1.3: National collection

Program 1.4: Exhibitions

Program 1.5: Interpretive services

Program 1.6: Promotion and community services

Program 1.7: Research and information dissemination

Program 1.8: Visitor services

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**WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY 2012**

**9.00am – 11.00pm Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio**

**9.00am – 11.00pm Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
Portfolio Overview**

**Outcome 1: The advancement of Australia's international strategic, security and economic interests including through bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement on Australian Government foreign and trade policy priorities.**

Program 1.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Operations

North Asia

South-East Asia

Americas

Africa

Europe

South and West Asia, Middle East

International Organisations and Legal Issues

National Security, Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

Services to Other Agencies

Services to Diplomatic/Consular Representatives

Program 1.2: Payments to International Organisations (Administered)

Program 1.3: Public Information Services and Public Diplomacy

**Outcome 2: The protection and welfare of Australians abroad and access to secure international travel documentation through timely and responsive travel advice and consular and passport services in Australia and overseas.**

Program 2.1: Consular Services

Program 2.2: Passport Services

**Outcome 3: A secure Australian Government presence overseas through the provision of security services and information and communications technology infrastructure, and the management of the Commonwealth's overseas owned estate.**

Program 3.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Operations

Program 3.2: Overseas Property

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**THURSDAY, 31 MAY 2012**

## **Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio**

**9.00am – 3.00pm Australian Agency for International Development**

**Outcome 1: To assist developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development, in line with Australia's national interest**

Program 1.1: Official development assistance—PNG and Pacific.

Program 1.2: Official development assistance—East Asia.

Program 1.3: Official development assistance—Africa, South and Central Asia, Middle East and other.

Program 1.4: Official development assistance—Emergency, humanitarian and refugee program.

Program 1.5: Official development assistance—Multilateral replenishments.

Program 1.6: Official development assistance—UN, Commonwealth and other international organisations.

Program 1.7: Official development assistance—NGO, volunteer and community programs.

**Outcome 2: Australia's national interest advanced by implementing a partnership between Australia and Indonesia for reconstruction and development.**

Program 2.1: East Asia.

**3.00pm – 3.30pm Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research**

**Outcome 1: To achieve more productive and sustainable agricultural systems for the benefit of developing countries and Australia through international agricultural research and training partnerships.**

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**3.30pm – 5.30pm**      **Trade Programs** *[All DFAT trade portfolios are dealt in conjunction with Austrade and EFIC]*

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**  
**Bilateral, regional and multilateral trade negotiations**  
**Trade development/policy coordination & Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC)**

**Australian Trade Commission**

**Outcome 1: Advance Australia’s trade, investment and education promotion interests through information, advice and services to business, education sector and governments.**

Program 1.1: Trade, education and investment promotion.

Program 1.2: Trade development schemes–Export Market Development Grants (EMDG)

**Outcome 2: The protection and welfare of Australians abroad through timely and responsive consular and passport services in specific locations overseas.**

Program 2.1: Consular and passport services

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