

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE

Public Hearings: Additional Estimates 2007–2008

Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 February 2008

**Main Committee Room
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2008

Defence portfolio

**9.00am–5.30pm/
6.30pm**

Department of Defence

Portfolio overview

Major corporate issues

Budget summary

Defence funding, financial statements, purchaser–provider arrangements

People

Defence Personnel

Capability development

Unapproved major capital equipment program

Defence Materiel Organisation

Outcome 1: Defence capabilities are supported through efficient and effective acquisition and through–life support of materiel

Output 1.1: Management of capability acquisition (including major capital equipment projects)

Output 1.2: Capability sustainment

Output 1.3: Policy advice and management services

Major capability facilities projects

Defence outcomes

Outcome 1: Command of operations in defence of Australia and its interests

Output 1.1: Command of operations

Output 1.2: Defence Force military operations and exercises

Output 1.3: Contribution to national support tasks

Outcome 2: Navy capability for the defence of Australia and its interests

Output 2.1: Capability for major surface combatant operations

Output 2.2: Capability for naval aviation operations

Output 2.3: Capability for patrol boat operations

Output 2.4: Capability for submarine operations

Output 2.5: Capability for afloat support

Output 2.6: Capability for mine warfare

Output 2.7: Capability for amphibious lift

Output 2.8: Capability for hydrographic, meteorological and oceanographic operations.

Outcome 3: Army capability for the defence of Australia and its interests

Output 3.1: Capability for special operations

Output 3.2: Capability for medium combined arms operations

Output 3.3: Capability for light combined arms operations

Output 3.4: Capability for army aviation operations

Output 3.5: Capability for ground based air defence

Output 3.6: Capability for combat support operations

Output 3.7: Capability for regional surveillance

Output 3.8: Capability for operational logistic support to land forces

Output 3.9: Capability for motorised combined arms operations

Output 3.10: Capability for protective operations

Outcome 4: Air Force capability for the defence of Australia and its interests

Output 4.1: Capability for air combat operations

Output 4.2: Capability for combat support of air operations

Output 4.3: Capability for surveillance and response operations

Output 4.4: Capability for airlift operations

Outcome 5: Strategic policy for the defence of Australia and its interests

Output 5.1: International policy, activities and engagement

Output 5.2: Strategic policy and military strategy

Outcome 6: Intelligence for the defence of Australia and its interests

Output 6.1: Intelligence

Outcome 7: Superannuation and housing support services for current and retired defence personnel

Output 7.1: Superannuation support services for current and retired defence personnel

Output 7.2: Housing assistance for current defence personnel

Output 7.3: Other administered expenses and revenue

Business processes

Defence Science and Technology Organisation

Inspector General Division

Chief Information Officer Group

Joint Logistics Group

Defence Support Group (including Legal Division)

Coordination and Public Affairs

Wednesday,
20 February
5.30pm–6.30pm

Defence Housing Australia [if required]

Wednesday
20 February
7.30pm–11.00pm

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Portfolio overview

Corporate and general matters

Outcome 1: Eligible persons (including veterans, serving and former defence force members, war widows and widowers, certain Australian Federal Police personnel with overseas service) and their dependents have access to appropriate income support and compensation in recognition of the effects of their service.

- 1.1: Means tested income support, pension and allowances
- 1.2: Compensation pensions, allowances etc
- 1.3: Veterans' Review Board
- 1.4: Defence Home Loans Scheme
- 1.5: Incapacity payments, non-economic lump sums ... through SRCA
- 1.6: Administer individual merit reviews of SRCA decisions
- 1.7: Incapacity payments, non-economic lump sums through MRCA
- 1.8: Administer individual merit reviews of MRCA decisions.

Outcome 2: Eligible persons (including veterans, serving and former defence force members, war widows and widowers, certain Australian Federal Police personnel with overseas service) and their dependents have access to health and other care services that promote and maintain self-sufficiency, wellbeing and quality of life

- 2.1: Arrangement for delivery of services
- 2.2: Counselling and referral services
- 2.3: Deliver medical, rehabilitation ... under SRCA and related legislation
- 2.4: Deliver medical, rehabilitation ... under MRCA.

Outcome 3: The service and sacrifice of the men and women who served Australia and its allies in wars, conflicts and peace operations are acknowledged and commemorated.

- 3.1: Develop and implement commemorative initiatives
- 3.2: Maintain, construct and refurbish war graves and post war commemorations
- 3.3: Coordinate and manage the delivery of commemorative and related activities at Gallipoli.

Outcome 4: The veteran and defence and certain Australian Federal Police communities have access to advice and information about benefits, entitlements and services.

- 4.1: Communication, community support to the veteran community and providers, including veterans' local support groups.
- 4.2: Advice and information to members of the defence force community ... under the SRCA
- 4.3: Advice and information to members of the defence force community ... under the MRCA.

Outcome 5: Serving and former defence force members and dependents have access to support services provides through joint

arrangements between DVA and Defence.

5.1: Joint Defence/DVA projects.

Output group 6: Provision of services to the Parliament, Ministerial services and the development of policy and internal operating regulations—attributed to outcomes 1 to 5.

THURSDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2008

Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

9.00am–4.00pm:
general issues.

4.00pm–6.30pm
AusAID

7.30pm–9.30pm:
Austrade

9.30pm–11.00pm:
DFAT trade issues*

Output 1.1: Protection and advocacy of Australia's international interests through the provision of policy advice to ministers and overseas diplomatic activity.

1.1.1: North Asia

1.1.2: South–East Asia [*formerly South and South–East Asia*]

1.1.3: Americas [*formerly Americas and Europe*]

1.1.4: Europe [*new*]

1.1.5: South and West Asia, Middle East and Africa [*formerly South Pacific, Middle East and Africa*]

1.1.6: Pacific [*new*]

***1.1.7:** Bilateral, regional and multi–lateral trade negotiations [*renumbered*]

***1.1.8:** Trade development/policy coordination & Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation [*renumbered*]

1.1.9: International organisations, legal and environment [*renumbered*]

1.1.10: Security, nuclear disarmament and non–proliferation [*renumbered*].

Output 1.2: Secure government communications and security of overseas missions.

Output 1.3: Services to other agencies in Australia and overseas (including Parliament, state representatives, business and other organisations).

1.3.1: Parliament in Australia

1.3.2: Services to attached agencies

1.3.3: Services to business

1.3.4: Services to state governments and other agencies overseas and in Australia

Output 1.4: Services to diplomatic and consular representatives in Australia.

1.4.1: Services to diplomatic and consular corps

1.4.2: Provision of protection advice through liaison with the Protective Security Coordination Centre

Output 2.1: Consular and passport services.

2.1.1: Consular services

2.1.2: Passport services

Output 3.1: Public information services and public diplomacy

3.1.1: Public information and media services on Australia's foreign and trade policy

3.1.2: Projecting a positive image of Australia internationally

3.1.3: Freedom of information and archival research and clearance.

Output 4.1: Property management

Output 4.2: Contract management

Enabling services.

Thursday,
21 February

4.00pm–6.30pm

AusAID

Outcome 1: Australia's national interest advanced by assistance to developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development.

1.1: Policy

1.2: Program management

Administered items: Australia's development cooperation program

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

2.1: Australia–Indonesia partnership for reconstruction and development management

Administered items: Australia–Indonesia partnership program

Thursday
21 February

7.30pm–9.30pm

Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)

Outcome 1: Australians succeeding in international business with widespread community support.

1.1: Awareness raising

1.2: Government advice and coordination

1.3: Services and opportunities

1.4: Austrade administered: EMDGs for small to medium sized businesses and ITES loans and advances.

Outcome 2: Australians informed about and provided access to consular, passport and immigration services in specific locations overseas.

2.1: Consular, passport and immigration services.

Thursday,
21 February

9.30pm–11.00pm

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Trade programs 1.1.7 and 1.1.8

PROPOSED BREAKS

Start 9.00am

These times are approximate and will depend on hearing proceedings

Morning tea 10.30am–10.45am

Lunch 12.30pm–1.30pm

Afternoon tea 3.30pm–3.45pm

Dinner 6.30pm–7.30pm

Tea break, as required 9.00pm–9.15pm

Adjourn 11.00pm
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