



AUSTRALIAN SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Additional Estimates 2016-17

Thursday, 2 March 2017

Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee Estimates.

The committee met from 9.00am until 11.00pm.

The committee called:

- the department and agencies of the Foreign affairs and Trade portfolio, including the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australian Trade and Investment Commission, Export Finance and Insurance Corporation and Tourism Australia.

The committee covered matters relating to:

DFAT (Non trade programs)

- Secretary's opening statement:
 - Corporate reform, regional management training
 - Overseas development
- Global Heads of Mission meeting
- Foreign Policy White Paper
- Review of officials' entitlements
- Forward aid budgets
- Public diplomacy programs, Ms Abdel-Magied's global tour
- Special Strategic Partnership and Prime Minister Abe's visit
- Foreign Minister's polo visit
- Engagement with Trump administration
- The Prime Minister's official visit to the United States
- Australia's UN Human Rights Council bid
- The Prime Minister's call with President Trump (arrangements)
- Cultural diplomacy
- Special Envoy for Human Rights
- Special Envoy, Phillip Ruddock and Australia's bid for UN Human Rights Council
- The Ambassador for Cyber Affairs
- The Coalition to counter Daesh, and the provision of aid in the Middle East
- Mr Abbott's comments on the possible relocation of the Tel-Aviv embassy
- Global Refugee Summit – Australia's commitment
- Resettlement of South American refugees
- The 'She Decides' Initiative
- Australia-US Business Week, G'Day USA, gala costs
- Tickets to the inauguration of President Trump
- Mateship Military film, Ambassador Joe Hockey's role and DFAT's support
- Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI)
- Suspension of Aid to World Vision
- Human rights violations in Myanmar
- Clinton Foundation
- Funding to prevent child abuse in the Philippines
- PNG broadcasting for natural disasters and ABC Pacific services

DFAT (Trade programs)

- Free trade agreements
- Non-Tariff Barriers
- Trade between Japan and the US (Most Favoured Nation Status)
- Joint Scoping Study for trade between the EU and Australia

Australian Trade and Investment Commission

- Landing Pads
- Tourism Grants - Cradle Mountain Master Plan
- Australian Export Awards – tender

Tourism Australia

- Cradle Mountain Master Plan
- Update on Tourism 2020
- Holiday Maker Campaign in UK
- Australia-China Year of Tourism