



**AUSTRALIAN SENATE**  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016-17  
Wednesday, 19 October 2016  
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.00am to 10.58pm.

The committee called:

- the department and agencies of the Defence portfolio, including the Department of Defence, Defence Housing Australia and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The committee covered matters relating to:

Defence

- CDF's opening statement
  - Bombing inquiry into deaths in Middle East
  - Mosul offensive
  - Air strikes as part of Coalition efforts
  - Flood relief efforts
- Anti-Daesh efforts
- Special Operations Task Force
- Air Task Group Taji
- Portfolio allocation, ministerial administrative arrangements
- Future Submarine program
- HMAS Leewin disposal
- Enlistment of New Zealanders in Australia
- War crime allegations, Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force inquiry
- Force posture initiative
- Scope of activities under Aslan and Paladin
- Singaporean troops in Queensland
- Australia's engagements with China
- Fraud detection and prevention – credit cards, fuel cards
- Mr Wyatt Roy's visit to Iraq
- Defence uniforms manufactured overseas rather than in country, standards
- Mental health of serving personal – support, deployment, medication
- Future of the Williamstown shipyard
- Leaked DCNS submarine information
- Role of ASC in Future Submarine program with DCNS
- Specialist Navy recruitment and accreditation
- VIP aircraft Boeing 737 replacement with Boeing 707
- LAND 400 project
- Shipbuilding programs – Offshore Patrol Vessels, Pacific Patrol Boats, Future Frigates
- Health contracts
- Defence abuse, sexual misconduct, and the Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Office (SeMPRO)
- Contamination issues

#### Defence Housing Australia (DHA)

- Review of DHA structure
- SafeTcards duress devices
- Privatisation of DHA
- Satisfaction rating surveys

#### Australian War Memorial

- Centenary of Anzac Exhibition
- Camp Russell and Camp Holland memorials
- Long Tan 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations, John Schuman
- John Monash Memorial
- Last Post Ceremony

#### Department of Veterans' Affairs

- Long Tan 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations
- VAN service centres
- Sexual abuse compensation guidelines
- 100th Anniversary of Be'er Sheva
- Family Counselling Service
- Advocacy Training and Development Program
- Transformation program – ICT system improvement, discussions with ex-service organisations regarding NT changes
- Rehabilitation service providers