



AUSTRALIAN SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016-17
Thursday, 20 October 2016
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.00am to 10.56pm.

The committee called:

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

The committee covered matters relating to:

DFAT (Non trade programs)

- Foreign Affairs White Paper
- DFAT executive travel to Paris conference
- Gender equality in aid development programs
- People trafficking in Asia
- Long Tan commemorations
- Improper use of aid funds
- Tibetan political prisoners
- Human Rights dialogue with China and allegations of organ harvesting
- Regional Health Security Partnership Fund
- Innovation Xchange
- Assistance to former Prime Ministers
- Mr Wyatt Roy's travel to Iraq
- Benefits of Official Development Assistance to Australia
- Habitat 3 UN Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development in Quito
- Developments in Kashmir
- Nuclear disarmament negotiations
- Australian Secret Intelligence Service Operations in the Middle East
- Bombing of hospital facilities in Syria and Yemen
- Mr Kevin Rudd's bid for the position of Secretary-General of the UN
- British High Commissioner role
- UNESCO Palestine resolution
- Timor Sea dispute
- International Development Contractors, Sustainable Development Goals
- Panguna Mine, Bougainville, aid to Papua New Guinea
- Humanitarian aid, evaluating programs' value for money
- Sham orphanages in Cambodia
- Updates on Mr Ruddock's travel

- New Colombo Plan
- Empowering Women Conference Copenhagen
- Consular assistance to Australian's arrested at the Malaysian Grand Prix
- Funding for polio eradication
- Funding for Green Climate Fund

DFAT (Trade programs)

- Trans-Pacific Partnership
- Free trade agreements (FTAs), FTA portal
- 2015 India Business Week
- Kangaroo export market
- Labour market testing

Australian Trade and Investment Commission

- Australia Week in China 2016
- Role of trade commissioners
- Survey of tourist accommodation

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation

- Environmental and social performance standards for coal mines
- Export Council of Australia app
- Restructure of lending to SME's
- Small business export loans

Tourism Australia

- Support for important Australian anniversary events
- Passenger movement, backpacker tax
- Youth campaign for working visa holiday makers
- International students' family network market
- Global Youth Campaign
- Australia-China Year of Tourism