

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

The committee met on Thursday, 6 June 2013 from 9.00 am until 9.33 pm.

The committee called:

- the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)
- the Export Finance Insurance Corporation (EFIC) and the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade), and
- the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- the UN Security Council Taskforce including the number of staff needed to manage Australia's membership and the budget of \$27 million for membership
- the Australian Safeguards and Non-Proliferation Office, including proliferation and allied issues, and continued negotiations during caretaker mode
- the Smart Traveller iPhone app including the 6,000 downloads since January
- Australian–Indonesia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement including the export of live cattle, policy changes by the Indonesian government, quota restrictions, the Animals Australia campaign to stop live exports and the Department of Finance's grant to Animals Australia
- Myanmar, including ministerial attendance at the World Trade Organization meeting, leading into Australia's Chairship of G20, Austrade representation; and mining prospects
- EFIC, including risk assessments of supported projects, public transparency issues, national interest decisions, extractive industries and National Interest Account decisions
- Papua New Guinea, including the strategic assessment of the human immunodeficiency virus in the region, political corruption, social indicators, water and sanitation, multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, the Daru hospital and multi-drug resistant malaria
- official development assistance (ODA), six monthly surveys, reporting directives and measurability, AusAID's responsibility to report overall ODA spend to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's payments to service providers—the Red Cross and other NGOs—food, sustenance and shelter
- the Comprehensive Aid Policy framework, the reprioritisation of aid and the annual review of aid effectiveness.