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Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2017-18
Wednesday, 31 May 2017
Daily summary

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

The committee met from 9.00 am to 11.00 pm.

The committee called the department of the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio.

Areas of interest covered today included:

- potential withdrawal of United States (US) from Paris Agreement;
- standardisation of overseas allowances;
- development of Australia's 2017 Foreign Policy White Paper;
- Australia-US bilateral meeting in Washington;
- departmental training for Senate Estimates;
- appointment of High Commissioner to United Kingdom;
- new policy framework to counter violent extremism;
- Australia's boycott of nuclear-weapon-ban treaty talks;
- departmental attendance at Minister Bishop's office function;
- conciliation with Timor-Leste; and
- Yassmin Abdel-Magied's public commentary, apology, and position on the board of the Council for Australian-Arab Relations.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am Thursday, 1 June 2017 in the Main Committee Room, calling the department and agencies of the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio commencing with the department.