

# **The Senate BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES**

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## **SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**Public Hearings: BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2017–18**

**Monday, 29 May 2017 to Thursday, 1 June 2017**

**Main Committee Room  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT**

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# SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE COMMITTEE

## HEARING PROGRAM | MONDAY 29 MAY 2017

<i>Department of Defence</i>			<i>9.00 am – 11.00 pm</i>		
<p>Portfolio and Budget overview                      Questions arising from opening statements</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Outcome 1:</b> Defend Australia and its national interests through the conduct of operations and provision of support for the Australian community and civilian authorities in accordance with Government direction.</p> <p>Program 1.1: Operations contributing to the safety of the immediate neighbourhood                      Program 1.2: Operations supporting wider interests                      Program 1.3: Defence contribution to national support tasks in Australia</p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Outcome 2:</b> Protect and advance Australia's strategic interests through the provision of strategic policy, the development, delivery and sustainment of military, intelligence and enabling capabilities, and the promotion of regional and global security and stability as directed by Government.</p> <p>Program 2.1: Strategic Policy and Intelligence                      Program 2.2: Defence Executive Support                      Program 2.3: Chief Finance Officer                      Program 2.4: Vice Chief of the Defence Force                      Program 2.5: Navy Capabilities                      Program 2.6: Army Capabilities                      Program 2.7: Air Force Capabilities                      Program 2.8: Joint Operations Command                      Program 2.9: Capability Acquisition and Sustainment                      Program 2.10: Estate and Infrastructure                      Program 2.11: Chief Information Officer                      Program 2.12: Defence People                      Program 2.13: Defence Science and Technology                      Program 2.14: Defence Force Superannuation Benefits                      Program 2.15: Defence Force Superannuation Nominal Interest                      Program 2.16: Housing Assistance                      Program 2.17: Other Administered</p>					
<i>Proposed Breaks</i>					
<i>10.30 am</i>	<i>15 mins</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<i>6.30 pm</i>	<i>1 hr</i>	<i>Dinner break</i>
<i>12.30 pm</i>	<i>1 hr</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>9.00 pm</i>	<i>15 mins</i>	<i>Evening break</i>
<i>3.30 pm</i>	<i>15 mins</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>			

**SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE COMMITTEE**

**HEARING PROGRAM | TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017**

***Department of Defence***

***9.00 am – 6.00 pm***

**In continuation**

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**Outcome 1:** Defend Australia and its national interests through the conduct of operations and provision of support for the Australian community and civilian authorities in accordance with Government direction.

Program 1.1: Operations contributing to the safety of the immediate neighbourhood

Program 1.2: Operations supporting wider interests

Program 1.3: Defence contribution to national support tasks in Australia

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**Outcome 2:** Protect and advance Australia's strategic interests through the provision of strategic policy, the development, delivery and sustainment of military, intelligence and enabling capabilities, and the promotion of regional and global security and stability as directed by Government.

Program 2.1: Strategic Policy and Intelligence

Program 2.2: Defence Executive Support

Program 2.3: Chief Finance Officer

Program 2.4: Vice Chief of the Defence Force

Program 2.5: Navy Capabilities

Program 2.6: Army Capabilities

Program 2.7: Air Force Capabilities

Program 2.8: Joint Operations Command

Program 2.9: Capability Acquisition and Sustainment

Program 2.10: Estate and Infrastructure

Program 2.11: Chief Information Officer

Program 2.12: Defence People

Program 2.13: Defence Science and Technology

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Program 2.15: Defence Force Superannuation Nominal Interest

Program 2.16: Housing Assistance

Program 2.17: Other Administered

***Defence Housing Australia***

***6.00 pm – 6.30 pm***

**Outcome 1:** To contribute to Defence outcomes by providing total housing services that meet Defence operational and client needs through a strong customer and business focus.

Program 1: The provision of Defence housing and housing related services

***Australian War Memorial***

***7.30 pm – 8.00 pm***

**Outcome 1:** Australians remembering, interpreting and understanding the Australian experience of war and its enduring impact through maintaining and developing the National Memorial, its collection and exhibition of historical material, commemorative ceremonies and research.

- Program 1.1: Commemorative ceremonies
- Program 1.2: National memorial and grounds
- Program 1.3: National collection
- Program 1.4: Exhibitions
- Program 1.5: Interpretive services
- Program 1.6: Promotion and community services
- Program 1.7: Research and information dissemination
- Program 1.8: Visitor services

***Department of Veterans' Affairs***

***8.00 pm – 11.00 pm***

Portfolio overview  
Corporate and general matters

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**Outcome 1:** Maintain and enhance the financial wellbeing and self-sufficiency of eligible persons and their dependents through access to income support, compensation, and other support services, including advice and information about entitlements.

- Program 1.1: Veterans' Income Support and Allowances
- Program 1.2: Veterans' Disability Support
- Program 1.3: Assistance to Defence Widow/ers and Dependants
- Program 1.4: Assistance and Other Compensation for Veterans and Dependants
- Program 1.5: Veterans' Children Education Scheme
- Program 1.6: Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts Payments—Income Support and Compensation
- Program 1.7: Adjustment to the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts Liability Provision—Income Support and Compensation

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**Outcome 2:** Maintain and enhance the physical wellbeing and quality of life of eligible persons and their dependents through health and other care services that promote early intervention, prevention and treatment, including advice and information about health service entitlements.

- Program 2.1: General Medical Consultations and Services
  - Program 2.2: Veterans' Hospital Services
  - Program 2.3: Veterans' Pharmaceuticals Benefits
  - Program 2.4: Veterans' Community Care and Support
  - Program 2.5: Veterans' Counselling and Other Health Services
  - Program 2.6: Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts—Health and Other Care Services
  - Program 2.7: Adjustment to the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts Liability Provision—Health and Other Care Services
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**Outcome 3:** Acknowledgements and commemoration of those who served Australia and its allies in wars, conflicts and peace operations through promoting recognition of service and sacrifice, preservation of Australia's wartime heritage, and official commemorations.

Program 3.1: War Graves

Program 3.2: Commemorative Activities

***Proposed Breaks***

<b><i>10.30 am</i></b>	<i>15 mins</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<b><i>6.30 pm</i></b>	<i>1 hr</i>	<i>Dinner break</i>
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# SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE COMMITTEE

## HEARING PROGRAM | WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 2017

*Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade  
(non-trade programs)*

*9.00 am – 11.00 pm*

Portfolio and Budget overview  
Questions arising from opening statements

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**Outcome 1:** Foreign Policy and International Development

Pacific

North Asia

Southeast Asia

South and West Asia

Middle East and Africa

Americas

Europe

Multilateral policy, development, legal and environment

International security, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation

Services to other agencies in Australia and overseas

Services to diplomatic and consular representatives in Australia

Progress against Australia's development policy and performance framework

Multilateral replenishments and global development partnerships

Humanitarian

New Colombo Plan

Public diplomacy and communication

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**Outcome 2:** Consular and Passport Services

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**Outcome 3:** Security, ICT and Overseas Property

**Proposed Breaks**

<b>10.30 am</b>	<i>15 mins</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<i>1 hr</i>	<i>Dinner break</i>
<b>12.30 pm</b>	<i>1 hr</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<b>9.00 pm</b>	<i>15 mins</i>	<i>Evening break</i>
<b>3.30 pm</b>	<i>15 mins</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>			

**SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE COMMITTEE**

**HEARING PROGRAM | THURSDAY 1 JUNE 2017**

<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i> <i>(non-trade programs)</i>	<i>9.00 am – 5.00 pm</i>
<b>In continuation</b> ----- <b>Outcome 1: Foreign Policy and International Development</b> Pacific North Asia Southeast Asia South and West Asia Middle East and Africa Americas Europe Multilateral policy, development, legal and environment International security, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation Services to other agencies in Australia and overseas Services to diplomatic and consular representatives in Australia Progress against Australia’s development policy and performance framework Multilateral replenishments and global development partnerships Humanitarian New Colombo Plan Public diplomacy and communication ----- <b>Outcome 2: Consular and Passport Services</b> ----- <b>Outcome 3: Security, ICT and Overseas Property</b>	
<i>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</i> <i>(trade programs)</i>	<i>5.00 pm – 6.30 pm</i>
Trade negotiations Trade and investment, tourism and private sector engagement	
<i>Australian Trade and Investment Commission</i>	<i>7.30 pm – 8.45 pm</i>

**Outcome 1:** Contribute to Australia’s economic prosperity by promoting Australia’s export and other international economic interests through the provision of information, advice and services to business, associations, institutions and government.

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**Outcome 2:** The protection and welfare of Australians abroad through timely and responsive consular and passport services in specific locations overseas.

***Export Finance and Insurance Corporation*** ***9.00 pm – 10.00 pm***

Facilitate and encourage Australian export trade by providing financial solutions to Australian companies involved in such trade.

***Tourism Australia*** ***10.00 pm – 11.00 pm***

**Outcome 1:** Grow demand and foster a competitive and sustainable Australian tourism industry through partnership marketing to targeted global consumers in key markets.

***Proposed Breaks***

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