Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

The committee met on Monday, 3 June 2013 from 9.00 am until 10.57 pm.

The committee called:

• the department and agencies of the Defence portfolio, including the Defence Materiel Organisation.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- the Defence White Paper 2013, including the cost of transporting equipment for the launch
- Defence's contribution to the Australian Cyber Security Centre
- the Afghanistan transition, including the shipping home of equipment
- the use of drones in combat
- the rotation of United States marines through the Northern Territory
- the budget for 12 EA-18G fighter planes (the Growler variant of the Super Hornet).