

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

The committee met on Thursday, 5 June 2014 from 9 am to 11 pm.

The committee called the department and agencies of Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio, including the Australian Trade Commission, the Export Finance Insurance Corporation and Tourism Australia.

Among other matters, the following issues were discussed:

- the international legal status of Israeli settlements
- public diplomacy and the termination of the Australia Network contract
- progress on the integration of AusAID into the Department
- Australia's aid expenditure and the availability of information on the departmental website
- bilateral Free Trade Agreements with Korea, Japan and China
- the inclusion of Investor-State dispute settlements in trade agreements
- the Mining for Development initiative.