



Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates 2019-20
Wednesday, 4 March 2020
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.54pm.

The committee called:

Naval Shipbuilding Advisory Board

- ANAO Report *Future Submarine Program – Transition to Design*.

Department of Defence

- Future Submarine Program, including Australian industry content level, timelines;
- PFAS contamination at Defence sites;
- impact of climate change on Defence personnel, operation, estates;
- Inspector-General of the ADF Annual Report for 2018-19;
- Defence response to health threat from Coronavirus and possible assistance to civilian authorities;
- protected mobile fires project;
- HMAS Cerberus redevelopment – oversight of contracts;
- possible security breach of Defence Force Recruiting Network;
- decision on full cycle docking location for Collins Class submarines;
- naval shipbuilding workforce;
- Joint Strike Fighter Program—update on progress and delivery; and
- offshore patrol vessels, including level of Australian industry content in Boomeranger contract.

Australian Signals Directorate

- vulnerability in Citrix devices;
- ASD powers and capabilities; and
- portfolio responsibilities for cyber security.

Defence Housing Australia

- modification to Mt Lofty redevelopment.

Australian War Memorial

- process for selection of new Director;
- update on demolition of Anzac Hall; and
- staff training to provide support to patrons.

Department of Veterans' Affairs

- creation of the National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention, including legislation, powers, budget and review of suicide deaths in the Defence and Veteran communities since 2001;

- veteran family advocate;
- use of art therapy for veterans;
- waiting list for Open Arms;
- suicide prevention pilot programs;
- claims processing times;
- training for delegates and advocates; and
- programs to address homelessness.

The committee will continue examination of the Defence Portfolio with the Naval Shipbuilding Advisory Board at a time to be determined.

The committee will commence examination of the Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio on 5 March 2020 at 9.00am.