



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee  
Estimates spillover 2023-24  
Wednesday, 27 March 2024  
Daily summary

The committee met from 7.30pm until 9.30pm.

The committee called the Department of Home Affairs (including the Australian Border Force).

Topics discussed by the committee included:

**Department of Home Affairs (including the Australian Border Force)**

- Preparatory steps taken by Ms Stephanie Foster in advance of giving evidence at Senate estimates, including relevant meetings with the Minister;
- Cyber-security and critical infrastructure;
- The cohort released from immigration detention as a result of the High Court's NZYQ decision;
- Unauthorised maritime arrivals who are currently held in detention in Nauru;
- Skilled visa processing for healthcare workers and education professionals and other industry specific labour agreements;
- The matter concerning the incarceration of Yusuf Zahab, an Australian citizen, in Syria; and
- FOI request for information about the number of Australians who are suspected of departing Australia since 7 October 2023 and intending to serve in the Israeli Defence Force.