



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates 2025–26
Tuesday, 10 February 2026
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.00am until 11.02pm.

The committee called the Home Affairs portfolio and discussed the following topics:

Department of Home Affairs

National Emergency Management Agency

- Victorian bushfire recovery plans;
- Processes for making referrals to the National Anti-Corruption; and
- Queensland cyclone.

Cross-portfolio and general matters

- Antisemitism training conducted within Home Affairs;
- Suggested experts advised Prime Minister against a Royal Commission on Antisemitism; and
- Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) review of Department of Home Affairs.

Outcome 1

- Advice from Home Affairs on implementation of firearm regulations;
- Legislative requirements for the proscription of hate groups;
- Interaction of state and federal provisions related to hate crimes;
- Compensation provided to gun owners for buy backs;
- Perpetrators of Bondi terror attack at a 9 October 2023 rally at the Sydney Opera House;
- Repatriation of brides of Islamic State fighters from Syria;
- Iranian protests and government response;
- National Firearms Registry; and
- Deputy Counter-Terrorism Coordinator made Prime Minister's National Security Coordinator.

Outcome 2

- Operationalising changes to powers for cancellation and refusal of visas;
- Number of bridging, temporary, onshore protection visas on issue;
- Judicial review of immigration cases - self-acting appellants;
- Visa arrangements for the Israeli President and Former Major General Doron Almog;
- The Administrative Review Tribunal's study visa appeal workload; and
- Target timeframes under the Migration Strategy Action Plan

Australia's Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism

- Draft legislation related to the Combatting Antisemitism, Hate and Extremism bill; and
- Independent National Security Legislation Monitor review into definition of terrorism.

Outcome 2

- Visas provided to Palestinians seeking to enter Australia; and
- Support provided to women fleeing from Afghanistan to Pakistan.

Outcome 3

- NZYQ cohort;
- MTC involvement in solitary confinement of Carlos Murillo Vega;
- Illegal tobacco, e-cigarettes and related crimes; and
- Unauthorised maritime arrivals.

Australian Federal Police

- Organised illicit tobacco networks;
- Police response to protests against President of Israel in Sydney;
- Perth invasion day rally; and
- Categorisation of firearms.

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO)

- Assessments of national threat level; and
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation reporting on ASIO.

Australia's Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia

- Comments on Independent National Security Legislation Monitor's definition of terrorism; and
- Political commentary and impacts on Muslims.

This concludes the committee's examination of 2025-26 Additional Estimates.

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