



Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates 2025-26
Wednesday, 11 February 2026
Daily summary

The committee met from 9:03am until 9.55pm.

The committee called the Department of Defence portfolio, discussing the following topics:

Department of Defence

- Disputes in the South China Sea and national preparedness;
- Purchase of the Port of Darwin;
- Defence estate audit and government response;
- Legal action alleging sexual abuse in the Australian Defence Force (ADF);
- Impacts of recent gun law reform on sovereign capability and Australian manufacturing;
- Recruitment and retention;
- Offshore wind turbines interrupting radar;
- Hunter Frigate Project;
- Australian National Audit Office Major Projects Report;
- Planned Amphibious Task Group;
- Australia's support for Ukraine;
- Offshore patrol vessels;
- Defence Delivery Agency;
- Defence exports weapons permits; and
- Pukpuk Treaty with Papua New Guinea (PNG) and accepting PNG nationals into the ADF.

Australian Submarine Agency

- Citizenship requirements of employees and foreign interference concerns;
- APS survey results;
- Richardson review;
- East coast submarine base; and
- Schedule of AUKUS payments.

Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force (IGADF)

- Major General Brereton's resignation from the IGADF; and
- Scope of work undertaken by Major General Brereton.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on 12 February 2026 in the Main Committee Room (1R0), for examination of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and portfolio agencies

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