



Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee  
Additional Estimates 2025-26  
Thursday, 12 February 2026  
Daily summary

The committee met from 9:03am until 8.15pm

The committee called Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio, discussing the following topics:

Non-Trade programs

- Methanol deaths of Australian citizens in Laos court trials;
- Israeli President's visit to Australia;
- Funding to United Nations women's organisation;
- Prime Minister's visit to Timor-Leste and Indonesia;
- Political unrest in Iran and associated sanctions framework;
- Funding provided to the International Peace Institute between 2002 and 2020 and the International Peace Institute links to Geoffrey Epstein;
- Save the Children meeting and repatriations of Isis brides;
- Death of Zomi Frankcom and violence towards humanitarian workers;
- Resignation of US Ambassador Rudd;
- Australians detained overseas;
- Bangladesh elections;
- Pacific Pathways section of NRL deal;
- Overseas development assistance, contract breaches by Tenders and associated conflicts of interest; and
- COP 31 preconference meetings.

Trade programs

- Australia-EU free trade agreement; and
- Trade and Sustainable Development chapter sanctions.

Australian Trade and Investment Commission

- Independent review of the Export Market Development Grants program; and
- Accessing New Markets Initiative (AMNI program).

Tourism Australia

- Update on KPI's not achieved;
- *Come and say G'Day* campaign; and
- Regional marketing campaigns.

This concludes the examination of the 2025–26 Additional Estimates for the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee.

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