



Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26
Friday, 10 October 2025
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.00am until 6.36pm.

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

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Non-trade programs

- Brides of Islamic State fighters seeking return to Australia;
- Israel and Hamas peace plan and sanctions applied to Israel;
- Sanctions placed on Israel and war crimes in Gaza;
- Regional security in the Pacific;
- Interception of Global Sumud Flotilla vessels by the Israeli Navy, and the treatment of the flotilla members in detention;
- Russian fuel exports arriving in Australia via other countries, including India;
- Australia's role in the Asia Zero Emission Community (AZEC);
- Australia's intention to co-host CoP31 with Pacific nations in 2026;
- Proposed sanctions against the Taliban relating to mistreatment of women and girls in contravention of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women;
- Family Law – Child Custody in Japan;
- 2025 China Victory Day Parade;
- Detainment of Mr Robert Pether in Iraq; and
- Australian development funding for sport in the Pacific.

Trade programs

- US trade relationship and tariffs;
- EU free trade deal; and
- Updates on India free trade agreement.

Export Finance Australia

- Updated statement of expectation in relation to coal and gas;
- Financing provided to Southeast Asia; and
- Updates on the Government's PsiQuantum investment.

Australian Trade and Investment Commission

- Live sheep export phase out transition funding allocation;
- Export Market Development Grants review; and
- Simplified Trade Systems.

Tourism Australia

- China Media Group memorandum of understanding (MOU); and
- Trip.com MOU.

The committee agreed to release the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research from the hearing.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on 3 December 2025 in the Main Committee Room (1R0) to continue its Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26 hearings.

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