



Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26
Thursday, 4 December 2025
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.01am until 7.43pm.

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

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) *non-trade programs*

- Australia's COP31 Bid;
- USA military boat strike;
- Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons;
- Brides of Islamic State fighters seeking to return to Australia;
- Papua New Guinean rugby league team;
- Greater Sunrise Project and Timor-Leste;
- Methanol poisoning of young Australians in southeast Asian countries;
- Pacific Islands Net Zero target;
- Overseas country briefs on DFAT website;
- Afghanistan Ambassador Waissi's diplomatic credentials;
- Human rights violations in Afghanistan;
- Papua New Guinea proposed buffer zone with Indonesia;
- Humanitarian aid and support provided to people in Gaza and Sudan;
- ASEAN and East Asian summit - ministers and officials' attendance, briefings and participation;
- Prime Minister's meeting with the chairman of the National People's Congress of China;
- Australian officials attending the China's 2025 Victory Day Parade;
- PALM Scheme worker job losses;
- Recognition of the Palestinian state; and
- United States AUKUS review.

Trade programs

- Live sheep exports;
- European Union free trade agreement (FTA);
- US tariffs and rules-based trade;
- India FTA;
- Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement.

Export Finance Australia

- Banning of coal and gas exports impact on trade; and
- COP31 transition away from fossil fuels declaration.

Australian Trade and Investment Commission

- Exports Market Development Grants (EMDG);
- Review of the EMDG program;
- Missed tabling deadline for answers to questions on notice; and
- Strive2030 action plan.

Tourism Australia

- Australian National Audit Office audit – recommendation implementation and compliance with Commonwealth Procurement Rules; and
- Come say G'Day campaign.

The committee released the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research

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

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