



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26  
Wednesday, 8 October 2025  
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.00pm.

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

Cross portfolio and General Matters.

- Travel and staffing arrangements of the Special Envoy for Combatting Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia;
- Provision of documents in response to Freedom of Information (FOI) requests;
- Conduct of Secretary of the Department of Home Affairs' chief of staff; and
- Unanswered questions on notice.

Outcome 1

- Brides of Islamic State fighters and repatriation of Australian citizens returning from international conflicts;
- Unanswered questions on notice;
- Meeting between Department of Home Affairs, Minister for Home Affairs and Save the Children;
- Government's Counterterrorism and Violent Extremism Strategy 2025;
- Listing of Terrorgram as a terrorist organisation;
- Publicising security clearance information;
- Protective Security Policy Framework;
- Cyber security uplift, Horizon One and Government grants;
- Security checks of individual's entering Australia and management of national security threats;
- Transnational repression;
- Technical capability notice powers under the Telecommunications Act 1997;
- Listing of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organisation;
- Electric vehicle security risks; and
- Cyber-criminal group issuing Qantas with a ransom demand.

Outcome 2

- Lodgement of citizenship by dissent applications;
- Cancellation of Mr Simcha Rothman's Australian Visa;
- Visas granted to Palestinians and associated costs;
- Provision of permanent protection visas to Tamil refugees;
- Locally Engaged Employee program;
- Deportation of individuals on final protection visas;
- Skilled visas granted to workers in the construction industry;
- Change from department's migration program spanning multiple years to a single year;

- Government contract with Management and Training Corporation (MTC) for running off-shore processing;
- Visa subclasses 119, 491 and 494;
- Afghani citizens seeking humanitarian visas; and
- Level of skill of migrants with permanent residency in Australia.

### Outcome 3

- Accusations against a childcare worker and related visa management;
- Funds paid to Nauru under the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nauru government;
- NZYQ cohort;
- Oil product shipments contravening autonomous sanction restrictions; and
- Australian citizens fighting in Israeli military.

### Australian Federal Police (AFP)

- Return of brides of Islamic State fighters to Australia;
- Operation Ironside and court ruling that evidence gathered through ANOM app is admissible in court;
- Collaborations with international and domestic entities to combat child abuse;
- Special operation Avalite and AFP representatives at an anti-terror conference in Israel;
- Culture within the AFP;
- AFP investigation into PricewaterhouseCoopers; and
- Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps connection to domestic terrorist attacks.

The committee will resume its examination of the 2025-26 Supplementary Budget Estimates on Monday, 1 December 2025.

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