



THE SENATE

FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE REFERENCES COMMITTEE

Australia's engagement in Afghanistan

**PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday 2 February 2022**

**Main Committee Room
and via videoconference, Parliament House, Canberra**

All times are AEDT

Time	Witness
10.00 am	Mahboba's Promise Mr Nawid Cina, Acting General Manager (via videoconference) Afghan Australian Development Organisation (AADO) (Submission 38) Ms Jackie Fristacky AM, President (via videoconference) Dr Nouria Salehi AM, Founder Executive Director (via videoconference)
10.45 am	Australian Council for International Development (Submission 53) Ms Brigid O'Farrell, Policy and Advocacy Advisor Mr Tim Watkin, Head of Government Relations and Media Save the Children (Submission 52) Mr Mat Tinkler, Chief Executive Officer (Acting) (via videoconference) Ms Fiona McSheehy, Acting Country Director / Director Field Operations SC Afghanistan (via videoconference) Ms Zola Maddison, Humanitarian Policy and Advocacy Advisor (via videoconference) World Vision Australia (Submission 55) Mr Patrick Thomas, Head of Fragile and Humanitarian Contexts (via videoconference) Ms Nadine Haddad, Senior Policy Advisor, Conflict and Fragility (via videoconference)
11.30 am	Break

11.45 am	<p>Settlement Council of Australia (<i>Submission 70</i>) Ms Sandra Wright, Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>Multicultural Australia (<i>Submission 72</i>) Ms Christine Castley, Chief Executive (via videoconference) Ms Rose Dash, Chief Client Officer (via videoconference)</p> <p>AMES Australia (<i>Submission 71</i>) Ms Cath Scarth, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference) Ms Samantha Blake, A/g General Manager Settlement & Asylum Seeker Program (via videoconference)</p> <p>Australian Red Cross (<i>Submission 73</i>) Ms Vicki Mau, Head of Migration Support Program (via videoconference) Mr Assadullah Khurrami, Team Leader (via videoconference) Mr Adrian Prouse, Head of International Humanitarian Programs (via videoconference)</p> <p>Settlement Services International Ms Violet Roumeliotis, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference) Ms Yamamah Agha, General Manager, Newcomers, Settlement and Integration (via videoconference)</p>
12.45 pm	<p>Refugee Council of Australia (<i>Submission 59</i>) Mr Paul Power, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference) Mr Shuja Jamal, Special Advisor (via videoconference)</p>
1.15 pm	Lunch break
1.45 pm	<p>Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia Ms Lisa Button, Chief Executive Officer (via videoconference) Ms Nicole Watkins, Community Development Manager (via videoconference) Ms Shabnam Safa, Community Development Officer (via videoconference)</p>

2.15 pm	<p>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (<i>Submission 22</i>) Ms Katrina Cooper, Deputy Secretary, Southeast Asia and Partners Group Mr Marc Innes-Brown, First Assistant Secretary, Middle East and Africa Division Ms Kate Logan, First Assistant Secretary, Consular and Crisis Management Division Mr Gary Cowan, First Assistant Secretary, North and South Asia Division Mr Daniel Sloper, Special Representative for Afghanistan (via videoconference) Mr Roger Noble, Ambassador for Counter-Terrorism Mr Andrew Walter, First Assistant Secretary, Regulatory Legal Division Mr Brett Marshall, Assistant Secretary, Operational Security Branch Mr Geoff Tooth, Assistant Secretary, Afghanistan and Regional Branch</p> <p>Department of Defence (<i>Submission 20</i>) Rear Admiral Sarah Sharkey, Commander Joint Health/Surgeon General, Australian Defence Force (via videoconference) Major General Wade Stothart, Head People Capability Mr Hugh Jeffrey, First Assistant Secretary International Policy</p> <p>Department of Home Affairs (<i>Submission 19</i>) Ms Cheryl-anne Moy, Deputy Secretary, Immigration and Settlement Services Group Ms Alison Larkins, Coordinator-General for Migrant Services Mr David Wilden, First Assistant Secretary, Refugee Humanitarian and Settlement Division Ms Sally Pfeiffer, Assistant Secretary, Humanitarian Program Operations Branch</p> <p>Department of Veterans' Affairs (<i>Submission 21</i>) Ms Vicki Rundle, Deputy Secretary Ms Leonie Nowland, Acting First Assistant Secretary</p>
3.45 pm	Adjournment