Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

The committee met on Tuesday, 29 May 2012 from 9.02 am until 11.01 pm.

The committee called the:

- department and agencies of the Defence portfolio, including Defence Housing Australia
- Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- deferred or cancelled Defence projects, in particular the cancellation of the project to acquire self-propelled artillery
- an incident involving the capsize of a navy jet-propelled boat in waters around Darwin
- an initiative designed to provide an opportunity for people living in the far north of Australia who may not meet criteria under normal entry conditions to serve in Australian Defence Force.
- the appointment of the Chair of the Australian War Memorial's governing council
- the process for appointing the new Director of the Australian War Memorial;
- mental health issues for veterans
- Centenary of Anzac celebrations.