



THE SENATE

**SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

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**Report on Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2017)**

This is the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee's (the committee) second report on annual reports for 2017.

Under Standing Order 25(20), the annual reports of departments, agencies and statutory office holders within the Defence Portfolio, including Veterans' Affairs, and the Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio<sup>1</sup> are referred to the committee for examination and assessment.

Senate Standing Order 25(20) (f) requires the committee to report on annual reports tabled by 30 April each year by the tenth sitting day after 30 June of that year. Annual reports presented within this timeframe can be examined in the committee's second report on annual reports for that year. However, in its first report for 2017, which was tabled on 22 March 2017, the committee decided to examine and report on all annual reports which had been presented in the Parliament and referred to the committee up until that time. It is noted that no further relevant reports were presented to the Parliament and referred to the committee after its first report was tabled on 22 March 2017 and up until 30 April 2017.

It was noted by the committee in its first report that all reports examined, adequately met the respective annual reporting requirements.<sup>2</sup>

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Chair

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1 For allocation of portfolios to standing committees, see *Journals of the Senate, No. 2*, 31 August 2016, pp 75-76.

2 Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee, *Annual reports (No. 1 of 2017)*, pp 28-29.