

# The Senate BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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## SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

### Additional Estimates 2004–05

**Wednesday, 16 , Thursday, 17 and Friday, 18 February 2005**

**Main Committee Room  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT**

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#### **WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2005**

#### **DEFENCE PORTFOLIO**

**9.00am—12 noon      DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**  
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**Portfolio overview**  
**Corporate and general matters**

**Outcome 1:** Eligible veterans, serving and former defence force members, their war widows and widowers and dependents have access to appropriate income support and compensation in recognition of the effects of war and defence service.

- 1.1: Means tested income support, pension and allowances
- 1.2: Compensation pensions, allowances etc
- 1.3: Veterans' Review Board
- 1.4: Defence Home Loans Scheme
- 1.5: Incapacity payments, non-economic lump sums through MCRS
- 1.6: Individual merit reviews of MCRS decisions
- 1.7: Incapacity payments, non-economic lump sums through MRCA
- 1.8: Individual merit reviews of MRCA decisions.

**Outcome 2:** Eligible veterans, serving and former defence force members, their war widows and widowers and dependents have access

to health and other care services that promote and maintain self-sufficiency, wellbeing and quality of life.

- 2.1: Arrangement for delivery of services under the VEA
- 2.2: Counselling and referral services to veterans and their families
- 2.3: Deliver medical, rehabilitation ... under MCRS
- 2.4: Deliver medical, rehabilitation ... under MRCA.

**Outcome 3:** The service and sacrifice of the men and women who served Australia and its allies in wars, conflicts and peace operations are acknowledged and commemorated.

- 3.1: Commemorative activities
- 3.2: War cemeteries, memorials and post-war commemorations.

**Outcome 4:** The veteran and defence force communities have access to advice and information about benefits, entitlements and services.

- 4.1: Communication, community support .... to the veteran community and providers, including veterans' local support groups
- 4.2: Advice and information to members of the defence force community.... under the MCRS
- 4.3: Advice and information to members of the defence force community.... under the MRCA.

**Outcome 5:** Serving and former defence force members and dependents have access to support services provided through joint arrangements between DVA and Defence.

- 5.1: Joint Defence/DVA projects.

**Output group 6:** Services to the Parliament, Ministerial services and the development of policy and internal operating regulations—attributed to outcomes 1–5.

### **Australian War Memorial**

Australians remember, interpret and understand the Australian experience of war and its enduring impact on Australian society...

## **1.00pm–11.00pm DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE**

### **Portfolio overview and major corporate issues**

- Portfolio overview
- Capital budget (major capital equipment and major capital facilities projects).

**Outcome 1:** Command of operations in defence of Australia and its interests.

- Output 1.1: Command of operations
- Output 1.2: Defence Force military operations and exercises
- Output 1.3: Contribution to national support tasks.

**Outcome 2:** Navy capability for the defence of Australia and its Interests.

- Output 2.1: Capability for major surface combatant operations
- Output 2.2: Capability for naval aviation operations
- Output 2.3: Capability for patrol boat operations
- Output 2.4: Capability for submarine operations

Output 2.5: Capability for afloat support  
Output 2.6: Capability for mine warfare  
Output 2.7: Capability for amphibious lift  
Output 2.8: Capability for hydrographic and oceanographic operations.

**Outcome 3:** Army capability for the defence of Australia and its interests.

Output 3.1: Capability for special forces operations  
Output 3.2: Capability for mechanised operations  
Output 3.3: Capability for light infantry operations  
Output 3.4: Capability for army aviation operations  
Output 3.5: Capability for ground-based air defence  
Output 3.6: Capability for combat support operations  
Output 3.7: Capability for regional surveillance  
Output 3.8: Capability for operational logistic support to land forces  
Output 3.9: Capability for motorised infantry operations  
Output 3.10: Capability for protective operations.

**Outcome 4:** Air Force capability for the defence of Australia and its interests.

Output 4.1: Capability for air combat operations  
Output 4.2: Capability for combat support of air operations  
Output 4.3: Capability for surveillance and response operations  
Output 4.4: Capability for airlift.

**Outcome 5:** Strategic policy for the defence of Australia and its interests.

Output 5.1: Strategic and international policy, activities and engagement  
Output 5.2: Military strategy and capability analysis.

**Outcome 6:** Intelligence for the defence of Australia and its interests.  
Output 6.1: Intelligence.

**Outcome 7:** Superannuation and housing support services for current and retired defence personnel.

Output 7.1: Superannuation support services for current and retired defence personnel  
Output 7.2: Housing assistance for current and retired defence personnel  
Output 7.3: Other administered revenue and expenses

#### **Business processes**

- Defence Science
- Inspector General
- Chief Information Officer

**THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2005**

#### **FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE PORTFOLIO**

9.00am–4.00pm: Foreign Affairs (general matters)

4.00pm–5.00pm: AusAID

5.00pm–6.30pm: Austrade

\* 7.30pm–11.00pm: Foreign Affairs (trade matters)

**9.00am–11.00pm**

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

## Portfolio overview

**9.00am–4.00pm**  
**Foreign Affairs:**  
**general matters**

**@ 7.30pm–11.00pm:**  
**trade programs**

**Output 1.1:** Protection and advocacy of Australia's international interests through the provision of policy advice to ministers and overseas diplomatic activity.

- 1.1.1: North Asia (*including Australia–China Council, Australia–Korea Foundation*)
- 1.1.2: South and South–East Asia (*including Australia–India Council, Australia–Indonesia Institute*)
- 1.1.3: Americas and Europe
- 1.1.4: South Pacific, the Middle East and Africa
- 1.1.5: Bilateral, regional and multi–lateral trade negotiations
- 1.1.6: Trade development/policy coordination and APEC
- 1.1.7: International organisations, legal and environment
- 1.1.8: Security, nuclear, disarmament and non–proliferation.

**Output 1.2:** Secure government communications and security of overseas missions.

**Output 1.3:** Services to other agencies in Australia and overseas (including Parliament, state representatives, business and other organisations).

- 1.3.1: Parliament in Australia
- 1.3.2: Services to attached agencies
- 1.3.3: Services to business
- 1.3.4: Services to state governments and other agencies overseas and in Australia.

**Output 1.4:** Services to diplomatic and consular representatives in Australia.

- 1.4.1: Services to the diplomatic and consular corps
- 1.4.2: Provision of protection advice through liaison with the Protective Security Coordination Centre.

**Output 2.1:** Consular and passport services.

- 2.1.1: Consular services
- 2.1.2: Passport services.

**Output 3.1:** Public information services and public diplomacy.

- 3.1.1: Public information and media services on Australia's foreign and trade policy.
- 3.1.2: Projecting a positive image of Australia internationally
- 3.1.3: Freedom of information and archival research and clearance.

**Output 4.1:** Property management.

**Output 4.2:** Contract management.

## Enabling services

**4.00am–5.00pm**

**AusAID**

**Outcome 1:** Australia's national interest advanced by assistance to developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable

development.  
1.1: Policy  
1.2: Program management  
Administered items: Australia's development cooperation program.

**5.00pm–6.30pm**

**Austrade**

#### **Portfolio overview**

**Outcome 1:** Australians succeeding in international business with widespread community support.

1.1: Awareness raising  
1.2: Government advice and coordination  
1.3: Services and opportunities  
1.4: Austrade administered: EMDGs for small to medium sized businesses and ITES loans and advances.

**Outcome 2:** Australians informed about and provided access to consular, passport and immigration services in specific locations overseas.

2.1: Consular, passport and immigration services.

**FRIDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2005**

## **DEFENCE PORTFOLIO**

**9.00am—1.00pm**

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE (SPILLOVER)**

#### **Portfolio overview**

- Budget summary (financial statements and improvement initiatives)
- Capital budget (major capital equipment and major capital facilities projects)
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#### **Business processes**

Corporate Services

Coordination and Public Affairs

#### **People**

Defence Personnel

**Proposed Breaks**

These times are approximate and will depend on hearing proceedings.

Start 9.00am	10.30am—10.45am	Morning tea
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12.00pm—1.00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12.30pm—1.30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
	3.30pm—3.45pm	Afternoon tea
	<b>6.30pm—7.30pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
	9.00pm—9.15pm	Tea break, as required
		Adjourn 11.00pm approx

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