

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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### SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE

**Public Hearings: Additional Estimates for 2008–09**

**Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 February 2009**

**Main Committee Room  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT**

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#### AGENDA

**WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY and THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2009**

### Defence portfolio

#### Department of Defence

**Wednesday,  
25 February  
9.00am–6.00pm/  
6.30pm**

**Opening statement** by Secretary of Defence

**Opening statement** by Chief of the Defence Force

#### Portfolio overview and budget summary

**Outcome 1:** Australia's national interests are protected and advanced through the provision of military capabilities and promotion of security and stability

Output group 1.1: Office of the Secretary and Chief of the Defence Force

Output group 1.9: Vice–Chief of the Defence Force

Output group 1.10: Joint Operations Command

Output group 1.12: Chief Finance Officer

Output group 1.14: Superannuation and housing support services for current and retired Defence personnel and other administered items.

**Outcome 2:** Military operations and other tasks directed by Government to achieve the desired results

Output group 2.1: Operations contributing to the security of the immediate neighbourhood

Output group 2.2: Operations supporting wider interests

**Outcome 3:** Defence's support to the Australian community and civilian authorities achieves the desired results

Output group 3.1: Defence contribution to support tasks in Australia

### **Capability development**

Outcome 1, Output Group 1.11: Capability development

### **Defence Materiel Organisation**

**Outcome 1:** Defence capabilities are supported through efficient and effective acquisition and through-life support of materiel

Output 1.1: Management of capability acquisition (including major capital equipment projects)

Output 1.2: Capability sustainment

Output 1.3: Policy advice and management services

### **Capital facilities and Defence support**

Outcome 1, Output Group 1.6: Defence Support

### **People**

Outcome 1, Output group 1.13: People and strategies and policy

### **Remaining Defence output groups**

#### **Outcome 1**

Output Group 1.2: Navy capabilities

Output Group 1.3: Army capabilities

Output Group 1.4: Air Force capabilities

Output Group 1.5: Intelligence capabilities.

**Wednesday,**  
**25 February**

**6.00pm–6.30pm**  
**[approx]**

### **Defence Housing Australia**

[if required]

### **Department of Veterans' Affairs**

#### **Portfolio overview**

#### **Corporate and general matters**

**Outcome 1:** Eligible persons (including veterans, serving and former defence force members, war widows and widowers, certain Australian Federal Police personnel with overseas service) and their dependents have access to appropriate income support and compensation in recognition of the effects of their 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 SRCA

1.6: Administer individual merit reviews of SRCA decisions

1.7: Incapacity payments, non-economic lump sums through MRCA

1.8: Administer individual merit reviews of MRCA decisions.

**Wednesday,**  
**25 February**

**7.30pm–11.00pm**

**Outcome 2:** Eligible persons (including veterans, serving and former defence force members, war widows and widowers, certain Australian Federal Police personnel with overseas service) and their 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

2.2: Counselling and referral services

2.3: Deliver medical, rehabilitation ... under SRCA and related legislation

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: Develop and implement commemorative initiatives

3.2: Maintain, construct and refurbish war graves and post war commemorations

3.3: Coordinate and manage the delivery of commemorative and related activities at Gallipoli.

**Outcome 4:** The veteran and defence and certain Australian Federal Police 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 SRCA

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:** Provision of services to the Parliament, Ministerial services and the development of policy and internal operating regulations—attributed to outcomes 1 to 5.

## Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio

### Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

**Thursday,**  
**26 February 2009**

**9.00am–4.00pm:**  
**DFAT *general***  
***issues.***

**4.00pm–8.30pm:**  
**AusAID and**  
**ACIAR**

**8.30pm–9.30pm:**  
**Austrade**

**9.30pm–11.00pm:**

**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 [China, Japan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Taiwan]

**1.1.2:** South–East Asia [Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and ASEAN]

**1.1.3:** Americas [Canada, USA, the Caribbean, South America (Latin America)]

**1.1.4:** Europe [Western, Eastern and Southern Europe, including Turkey and organisations such as European Union and NATO]

**1.1.5:** South and West Asia, Middle East and Africa [South and West Asia: India, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives.

**DFAT trade issues\***

Middle East: Gulf States, Israel, Palestinian Territories, Iraq, Iran. African countries: South Africa, Sudan, Zimbabwe and all other African countries.]  
**1.1.6:** Pacific [New Zealand, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Nauru, Samoa, Kiribati, Vanuatu; also covers Pacific Islands Forum.]  
**\*1.1.7:** Bilateral, regional and multi-lateral trade negotiations  
**\*1.1.8:** Trade development/policy coordination & Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation  
**1.1.9:** International organisations, legal and environment  
**1.1.10:** 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 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.**

**Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)**

**Thursday,**  
**26 February**  
**4.00pm–8.30pm**

**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

**Outcome 2:** Australia's national interest advanced by implementing a partnership between Australia and Indonesia for reconstruction and development

- 2.1: Australia-Indonesia partnership for reconstruction and

development management  
Administered items: Australia–Indonesia partnership program

**Thursday,**  
**26 February**  
**4.00pm–8.30pm**

**Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)**

**Outcome 1:** Agriculture in developing countries and Australia is more productive and sustainable as a result of better technologies, practices, policies and systems.

**Output 1:** Collaborative research that addresses agricultural and natural resource management problems of developing countries and Australia.

**Output 2:** Trained researchers in developing countries and Australia.

**Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)**

**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.

**Thursday,**  
**26 February**  
**8.30pm–9.30pm**

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade [in continuation]**

Trade programs 1.1.7 and 1.1.8.

**Thursday,**  
**26 February**  
**9.30pm–11.00pm**

Start 9.00am	10.30am–10.45am	Morning tea
	<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