

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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

**Public Hearings: Budget Estimates for 2005-06**

**Monday, 30 May to Thursday, 2 June, and, if required,  
Friday, 3 June 2005**

**Main Committee Room  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT**

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**MONDAY, 30 MAY 2005 and TUESDAY, 31 MAY 2005**

## **Defence Portfolio**

### **Department of Defence**

**Monday, 30 May  
9.00am–3.30pm &  
7.30pm–11.00pm**

**Tuesday, 31 May  
9.00am–11.00pm**

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

- Portfolio overview
- Budget summary (financial statements, capital investment budget and improvement initiatives)
- Capability development

#### **Defence Materiel Organisation**

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

- Major Capital Facilities projects

#### **Defence Outcomes**

**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, meteorological and oceanographic operations

### **Business processes**

- Defence Science
- Inspector General

3.30pm

## **Department of Veterans' Affairs**

### **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.**

11.00pm

adjournment

TUESDAY, 31 MAY 2005

## **Defence Portfolio**

9.00am

Department of Defence

### **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

- Major Capital Facilities projects

### **Defence Outcomes**

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

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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, meteorological and oceanographic operations

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

Output 3.1: Capability for special operations

Output 3.2: Capability for medium combined arms operations

Output 3.3: Capability for light combined arms 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 combined arms 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 operations

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

Output 5.1: International policy, activities and engagement  
Output 5.2: Strategic policy and military strategy

**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 defence personnel  
Output 7.3: Other administered expenses and revenue

**Business processes**

- Chief Information Officer
- Corporate Services
- Coordination and Public Affairs

**People**

- Defence Personnel

**WEDNESDAY, 1 JUNE and THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 2005**

**Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio**

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

**Wednesday, 1 June**

**9.00am–11.00pm**

**Foreign Affairs  
general [non–trade]  
matters**

**Please note:**

**@Trade programs**

**1.1.5 and 1.1.6 will  
be heard from**

**7.30pm–11.00pm on**

**Portfolio overview**

**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

1.1.2: South and South–East Asia

1.1.3: Americas and Europe

1.1.4: South Pacific, Middle East and Africa

@ 1.1.5: Bilateral, regional and multi–lateral trade negotiations

@ 1.1.6: Trade development/policy coordination and Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation

Thursday, 2 June

THURSDAY, 2 JUNE 2005

9.00am

## **Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio**

(continued from Wednesday)

### **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

#### **Portfolio overview**

**NB 3.00 – 4.00pm**

**AusAID**

**4.30pm – 6.30pm**

**Austrade**

**7.30pm – 11.00pm**

**DFAT 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.

\*1.1.5: Bilateral, regional and multi-lateral trade negotiations

\*1.1.6: Trade development/policy coordination and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

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 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**

**3.00pm–4.30pm**

**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

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

**4.30pm–6.30pm**

**Australian Trade Commission (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

**7.30pm – 11.00pm**

**Trade programs**

@ 1.1.5: Bilateral, regional and multi-lateral trade negotiations

@ 1.1.6: Trade development/policy coordination and Asia-Pacific

**Proposed breaks**

**These times are approximate and will depend on hearing proceedings**

Start 9.00am

10.30am–10.45am

Morning tea

**12.30pm–1.30pm**

**Lunch**

3.30pm–3.45pm

Afternoon tea

**6.30pm–7.30pm**

**Dinner**

9.00pm–9.15pm

Tea break, as required

Adjourn 11.00pm approx

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