

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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

**Public Hearings: Budget Estimates for 2006–2007**

**Monday, 29 May to Thursday, 1 June 2006**

**Main Committee Room  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT**

*To be televised on Channel11/radio92.7*

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#### **MONDAY, 29 MAY 2006**

**9.00am–11.00pm Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio**

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

**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
- 1.1.7: 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 2.1: Consular and passport services.**

- 2.1.1: Consular services
- 2.1.2: Passport services

Enabling services.

**TUESDAY, 30 MAY 2006**

## **Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio**

**Matters to be heard  
from 9.00am to  
12 noon**

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (continued)**

General issues

1.1.5: Bilateral, regional and multi-lateral trade negotiations

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

**Matters to be heard  
from 1.00pm to  
3.00pm approx**

**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

**Topics** In addition to questions from core members of the Committee, Senators Allison, Siewert and Stott Despoja have general questions for AusAID; Senator Evans-AusAID budget expenditure [DFAT officers may also be required].

## **Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)**

**Matters to be heard  
3.15pm – 5.00pm  
approx**

**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.

WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2006

## **Defence portfolio**

9.00am–11.00pm

**Department of Defence**

Thursday 01 June:  
9.00am–6.30pm

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

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

**Topics** In addition to questions from core members of the Committee, Senators flagged the following topics: Senator Joyce: Joint Strike Fighter project; Senator Johnston: Frontline.

### **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 capability 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

**Topics** In addition to questions from core members of the Committee, Senator Joyce flagged the following topics: cycling of personnel through engagements overseas; implementation of northern fishing patrols.

#### **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.

**Topic** In addition to questions from core members of the Committee, Senator Adams flagged the following topic: Naval drug policy.

#### **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

**THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 2006**

**9.00am**

**Department of Defence)**

**Defence Portfolio (continued)**

**9.00am – 6.30pm**

**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**

Inspector General

Chief Information Officer

Corporate Services

Coordination and Public Affairs

**People**

Defence Personnel

**7.30pm–11.00pm**

**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.

**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 provides 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.**