

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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

**Public Hearings: Budget Estimates for 2008–2009**  
**Monday 2 June to Thursday 5 June 2008**

**Main Committee Room**  
**Parliament House**  
**Canberra ACT**

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### AGENDA

#### MONDAY, 2 JUNE 2008

### Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio

Monday, 2 June  
**9.00am -9.50pm**  
general issues

#### **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–East Asia**

**1.1.3: Americas**

**1.1.4: Europe**

**1.1.5: South and West Asia, Middle East and Africa**

**1.1.6: Pacific**

**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

**Enabling services.**

**TUESDAY, 3 JUNE**

**10.00am – 2.00pm**

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**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

**2.00pm – 3.00pm**

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

- 1.1.7 Bilateral, regional and multi-lateral trade negotiations
- 1.1.8 Trade development/policy coordination and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

**Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)**

**3.00pm – 5.30pm  
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, 4 JUNE 2008**

## **Defence portfolio**

### **Department of Defence**

#### **Portfolio overview and budget summary**

[PBS Part 1, chapters 1, 2, 3 & 6]

[Budget, strategic policy, Defence reform, ADF operations and military justice matters]

**Opening statement:** Secretary of Defence

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

**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** [PBS Part 1, chapter 4]

[Unapproved major capital equipment program and Defence Capability Plan]

**Outcome 1**

Output Group 1.11: Capability development

**Defence Materiel Organisation** [PBS Part 1, chapter 4 & Part 2]

**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**

[PBS Part 1, chapters 4 & 6]

[Health services, personnel administration and support services, legal services, estate management, base support services, honours and awards]

**Outcome 1**

\* Output Group 1.6: Defence Support

**People** [PBS Part 1, chapter 5]

[ADF and APS personnel and workforce matters, recruitment and

\* For an expanded view and description of the marked Defence output groups, see portfolio budget statements (PBS), pp. 78–108. For a description of the outputs, see PBS pp. 72–74.

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### **Outcome 1**

Output Group 1.13: People Strategies and Policy

### **Remaining Defence output groups [PBS Part 1, chapter 6]**

#### **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**

**Output Group 1.7: Defence science and technology**

**Output Group 1.8: Chief Information Officer**

## **THURSDAY 5 JUNE 2008**

### **Defence portfolio**

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

10.00am

##### **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.**

## **Australian War Memorial**

### **Outcome 1**

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

### **Proposed breaks**

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

**\*\*\* Morning tea  
on Thursday  
is at 10.30am –  
11.00am**

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

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