

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: Budget Estimates for 2010–2011

**Monday, 31 May to Thursday, 3 June 2010
and, if required, Friday 4 June**

**Main Committee Room
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

To be televised on Channel10/radio 92.7, <http://webcast.aph.gov.au>

AGENDA

MONDAY, 31 May and TUESDAY 1 June 2010

Defence portfolio

**Monday, 31 May
9.00am–11.00pm:
Defence**

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

**Tuesday, 1 June
9.00am–6.00pm:
Defence [cont]**

**Portfolio overview and budget summary
Outcome 1:** The protection and advancement of Australia's national interests through the provision of military capabilities and promotion of security and stability.
Program 1.1: Office of the Secretary and Chief of the Defence Force
Program 1.9: Vice–Chief of the Defence Force
Program 1.10: Joint Operations Command
Program 1.12: Chief Finance Officer

**6.00pm–6.30pm:
DHA
7.30pm–11.00pm:
DVA**

Outcome 2: Advancement of Australia's strategic interests through the conduct of military operations and other tasks directed by Government.
Program 2.1: Operations contributing to the security of the immediate neighbourhood.
Program 2.2: Operations supporting wider interests

Outcome 3: Support to the Australian community and civilian authorities as requested by Government.

Program 3.1: Defence contribution to national support tasks in Australia.

Defence funding and financial statements

Outcome 1: Capability development

Program 1.11: Capability development

Defence Materiel Organisation

DMO Outcome 1: Contributing to the preparedness of the Australian Defence Organisation through acquisition and through-life support of military equipment and supplies.

DMO program 1.1: Management of capability acquisition

DMO program 1.2: Management of capability sustainment

DMO program 1.3: Provision of policy advice and management services.

Capital facilities and Defence support

Outcome 1

Program 1.6: Defence support

Program 1.14: Defence Force superannuation benefits

Program 1.15: Defence Force superannuation-nominal interest

Outcome 1: People

Program 1.13: People strategies and policy

Remaining Defence output groups

Outcome 1

Program 1.2: Navy capabilities

Program 1.3: Army capabilities

Program 1.4: Air Force capabilities

Program 1.8: Chief Information Officer.

Program 1.16: Housing assistance

Program 1.17: King's Highway upgrade

Program 1.18: Other administered items.

Tuesday, 1 June
6.00pm–6.30pm

Defence Housing Australia

Outcome: To deliver total housing and relocation services that meet Defence operational and client needs through a strong customer and business focus.

Tuesday, 1 June
7.30pm–11.00pm

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Portfolio overview

Corporate and general matters

Outcome 1: Compensation and support Maintain and enhance the financial wellbeing and self-sufficiency of eligible persons and their dependants through access to income support, compensation, and other support services, including advice and information about entitlements.

Program 1.1: Veterans' income support and allowances

Program 1.2: Veterans' disability support

Program 1.3: Assistance to Defence widow(er)s and dependants

Program 1.4: Assistance and other compensation for veterans and

dependants

Program 1.5: Veterans' children education scheme

Program 1.6: Military rehabilitation and compensation acts payments—income support and compensation

Program 1.7: Adjustments to the military rehabilitation and compensation acts liability provisions—income support and compensation.

Outcome 2: Health Maintain and enhance the physical wellbeing and quality of life of eligible persons and their dependents through health and other care services that promote early intervention, prevention and treatment, including advice and information about health service entitlements.

Program 2.1: General medical consultations and services

Program 2.2: Veterans' hospital services

Program 2.3: Veterans' pharmaceutical benefits

Program 2.4: Veterans' community care and support

Program 2.5: Veterans' counselling and other health services

Program 2.6: Military rehabilitation and compensation acts—health and other care services

Program 2.7: Adjustment to the military rehabilitation and compensation acts liability provisions—health and other care services.

Outcome 3: Commemorations Acknowledgement and commemoration of those who served Australia and its allies in wars, conflicts and peace operations through promoting recognition of service and sacrifice, preservation of Australia's wartime heritage, and official commemorations

Program 3.1: War graves and commemorations

Program 3.2: Gallipoli related activities.

Australian War Memorial

Outcome 1: Australians remembering, interpreting and understanding the Australian experience of war and its enduring impact through maintaining and developing the national memorial, its collection and exhibition of historical material, commemorative ceremonies and research.

Program 1.1: Commemorative ceremonies

Program 1.2: National memorial and grounds

Program 1.3: National collection

Program 1.4: Exhibitions

Program 1.5: Interpretive services

Program 1.6: Promotion and community services

Program 1.7: Research and information dissemination

Program 1.8: Visitor services.

WEDNESDAY, 2 June and THURSDAY, 3 June 2010

Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio

Wednesday, 2 June

9.00am–11.00pm:

DFAT general
issues

Thursday, 3 June

9.00am–12.30pm:

DFAT general
issues [cont]

1.30pm–2.00pm:

ACIAR

2.00pm–6.30pm:

AusAID

7.30pm–11.00pm:

Trade portfolio—
Austrade and DFAT
trade programs*

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Portfolio overview

Outcome 1: The advancement of Australia's international strategic, security and economic interests including through bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement on Australian Government foreign and trade policy priorities.

Program 1.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade operations

North Asia

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

South-East Asia

[Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and ASEAN]

Americas

[Canada, USA, the Caribbean, South America (Latin America)]

Africa

[South Africa, Sudan, Zimbabwe and all other African countries]

Europe

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

South and West Asia, and the Middle East

[South and West Asia: India, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives. Middle East: Gulf States, Israel, Palestinian Territories, Iraq, Iran]

Pacific

[New Zealand, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Nauru, Samoa, Kiribati, Vanuatu; Pacific Islands Forum]

International organisations and legal issues

[International law, sea law, environment law, climate change, treaties, sanctions, transnational crime, domestic and administrative law, United Nations, Commonwealth, human rights, indigenous issues, people smuggling, refugees]

National security, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation

[Arms control, counter-proliferation, counter-terrorism, regional and national security]

*** Bilateral, regional and multilateral trade negotiations**

[Free trade agreements, agriculture, services and intellectual property, WTO, trade law, trade policy, trade commitments]

*** Trade development/policy coordination and Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC)**

[APEC, international economy and finance, market information, trade advocacy, trade finance, EFIC, liaison and analysis, OECD, UNCTAD, EFIC]

Program 1.2: Payments to international organisations (administered)

Program 1.3: Public information services and public diplomacy (administered) [Expositions Special Account–Shanghai Expo, Australia Network, International Relations Grants Program]

Outcome 2: The protection and welfare of Australians abroad and access to secure international travel documentation through timely and responsive travel advice and consular and passport services in Australia and overseas.

Program 2.1: Consular services

Program 2.2: Passport services

Outcome 3: A secure Australian Government presence overseas through the provision of security services and information and communications technology infrastructure, and the management of the Commonwealth's overseas owned estate.

Program 3.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade operations

Program 3.2: Overseas property.

Thursday, 3 June
1.30pm–2.00pm

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)

Outcome 1: To achieve more productive and sustainable agricultural systems for the benefit of developing countries and Australia through international agricultural research and training partnerships.

Program 1.1: international agricultural research for development.

Thursday, 3 June
2.00pm–6.30pm

Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)

Outcome 1: To assist developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development, in line with Australia's national interest.

Program 1.1: Official development assistance–PNG and Pacific

Program 1.2: Official development assistance–East Asia

Program 1.3: Official development assistance–Africa, South and Central Asia, Middle East and other

Program 1.4: Official development assistance–Emergency, humanitarian and refugee programs

Program 1.5: Official development assistance–Multilateral replenishments

Program 1.6: Official development assistance–UN, Commonwealth and other international organisations

Program 1.7: Official development assistance–NGO, volunteer and community programs.

Departmental support.

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

Program 2.1: East Asia.

Departmental support.

Thursday, 3 June
7.30pm–11.00pm

Trade portfolio:
Austrade and DFAT
trade programs

Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)

Outcome 1: Advance Australia's trade and investment interests through information, advice and services to businesses, industry and governments.

Program 1.1: Trade and investment development

Program 1.2: Trade development schemes (Export Market Development Grants)

Outcome 2: The protection and welfare of Australians abroad through timely and responsive consular and passport services in specific locations overseas.

Program 2.1: Consular, passport services.

Thursday, 3 June

7.30pm–11.00pm

Trade portfolio:

**Austrade and DFAT
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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Trade programs

*** Bilateral, regional and multilateral trade negotiations**

[Free trade agreements, agriculture, services and intellectual property, WTO, trade law, trade policy, trade commitments.]

*** Trade development/policy coordination and Asia–Pacific
Economic Cooperation and Export Finance and Insurance**

Corporation (EFIC) [APEC, international economy and finance, market information, trade advocacy, trade finance, liaison and analysis, OECD, UNCTAD, EFIC]

Start 9.00am

10.30am–10.45am

12.30pm–1.30pm

3.30pm–3.45pm

6.30pm–7.30pm

9.00pm–9.15pm

Morning tea

Lunch

Afternoon tea

Dinner

Tea break, as required

Adjourn 11.00pm approx

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