

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: Budget Supplementary Estimates for 2005-06

Wednesday, 2 and Thursday, 3 November 2005

**Main Committee Room
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2005

Defence Portfolio

9.00am–8.00pm **Department of Defence**
Portfolio overview

Senator Bishop: *Global responsibilities; ADF operations–Iraq, Afghanistan, counter terrorism, exercises; International defence relationships; military justice. Senator Allison:* *Operations in Afghanistan.*

Budget summary (financial statements, capital investment budget and improvement initiatives)

Senator Bishop: *Financial accounts remediation; Budget forecast.*

Capability development

Senator Bishop: *Air Warfare Destroyers project; Joint Strike Fighter project.*

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

Senator Bishop: *FFG progressive upgrade; RAN Anzac ship helicopters; M113 Upgrade; Orions; Bushranger infantry mobility project; Boeing dispute; Project reporting, transparency and accountability.* **Senator Murray:** *Government contracting.*

Major capital facilities projects

Senator Bishop: *Headquarters Joint Operations Command project; Darwin waterfront development.*

Defence outcomes

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

Senator Adams: *Royal Australian Navy (RAN) drug and alcohol policy; RAN Human resources policy in particular the conditions of engagement and employment, screening of applicants and subsequent training of employees. Conditions of engagement, screening and control of contract personnel at RAN bases. RAN board examination process.*

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

Senator Bishop: *F-111 Deseal/reseal.* **Senator Allison:** *Depleted uranium use in the new smart bomb to be used in the Hornet fighter-bombers; new weaponry*

Business processes

Corporate Services

Senator Bishop: *Cooma Call Centre; Legal Division.* **Senator Fielding:** *Airfare travel budgets.* **Senator McLucas:** *Jezzine Barracks, Townsville.*

People

Defence Personnel

Senator Bishop: *Recruitment; training; remote locality location allowances.*

8.00pm–11.00pm

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

Senator Hurley: *Health studies, BEST program;*

Senator Allison: *Health of the children of Vietnam veterans*

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

Senators Allison and Hurley: *Health of the children of Vietnam veterans* **Senator Hurley:** *Chaplaincy services.*

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

Senator Bishop: *Gallipoli; VP medallions*

Output group 6: Services to the Parliament, Ministerial services and the development of policy and internal operating regulations—attributed to outcomes 1–4.

Senator Hurley: *Clarke announcement leak investigation; Service delivery review;* **Senator Fielding:** *Airfare travel budgets.*

Senator Murray: *Government contracting*

THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2005

Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

9.00am–3.00pm

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

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

Senators Evans and Faulkner (*topics not specified*)

Senator Stott Despoja: *Taiwan, China*

1.1.2: South and South–East Asia

Senators Evans and Faulkner (*topics not specified*)

Senator Stott Despoja: *West Papua, East Timor, Burma*

1.1.4: South Pacific, Middle East and Africa

Senators Evans and Faulkner (*topics not specified*)

Senator Stott Despoja *PNG, Zimbabwe*

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

Senator Conroy (*topics not specified*)

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

Senator Conroy (*topics not specified*)

Senator Allison: *Export Credit Loans*

1.1.7: International organisations, legal and environment

Senators Evans and Faulkner (*topics not specified*)

1.1.8: Security, nuclear, disarmament and non–proliferation

Senators Evans and Faulkner (*topics not specified*)

Senator Allison: *Review of Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty; US space security and weaponry.*

Output 2.1: Consular and passport services.

2.1.1: Consular services

2.1.2: Passport services

Senators Evans and Faulkner (*topics not specified*)

Senator Stott Despoja: *Australian nationals being held overseas.*

Output 4.1: Property management.

Output 4.2: Contract management.

Senators Evans and Faulkner: (*topics not specified*)

Enabling services

Senators Evans and Faulkner (*topics not specified*)

Senator Murray: *Government contracting*

Senator Fielding: *Airfare travel budgets.*

Please note:

@ Trade programs

**1.1.5 and 1.1.6 will
be heard from**

7.30pm–11.00pm

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

Senator Allison: *Foreign Aid Program and Micro-credit programs; US Department of State's new Bureau of Reconstruction and Stabilisation.*

Senator Brown: *Australian Aid to Timor-Leste*

Senators Faulkner and Evans: *Both programs nominated.*

Senator Fielding: *Airfare travel budgets;*

Senator Murray: *Government contracting.*

Senator Stott Despoja: *General aid program; program management; Australia-Indonesia partnership.*

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.

Senators Faulkner and Evans: *Programs 1.1 to 1.4 nominated.*

Senator Fielding: *Airfare travel budgets;* **Senator Murray:** *Government contracting.*

Proposed breaks

These times are approximate and will depend on hearing proceedings

Morning tea 10.30am–10.45am

Lunch 12.30pm–1.30pm

Afternoon tea 3.30pm–3.45pm

**** Wednesday:**

Dinner* 6.30pm–7.30pm**

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Tea break, as required 9.00pm–9.15pm

Adjourn 11.00pm approx

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