

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: **Budget Estimates for 2009–2010 (supplementary hearings)**

Wednesday, 21 and Thursday, 22 October 2009 and if required Friday, 23 October 2009

**Main Committee Room
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 21 October 2009

Defence portfolio

9.00am–6.00pm	Department of Defence
6.00pm–6.30pm: DHA	Opening statement by Secretary of Defence Opening statement by Chief of the Defence Force
7.30pm–8.30pm: Defence Force Ombudsman	Portfolio overview and budget summary [Topics: Sen Johnston —budget, strategic policy, White Paper and strategic reform program; ADF operations strategic policy, international policy (including Defence cooperation program); Joint Health Command, joint logistics; reserves and cadets policy. Sen Bob Brown —Australia's strategy for Afghanistan; recent media report on Defence's strategy on climate change. Sen Fielding —Australia's overseas operations. Sen Ludlam —Afghanistan. Sen Trood —Afghanistan, Pappas report.]
8.30pm–11.00pm: DVA	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 [Topic: Sen Trood —Defence security and freedom of

information.]

Program 1.9: Vice–Chief of the Defence Force

[**Topic: Sen Abetz**–Explosives Act 1961–regulation of explosives into a national code.]

Program 1.10: Joint Operations Command

Program 1.12: Chief Finance Officer

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

[**Topic: Sen Payne**–Pacific Partnership 2009–Kiribati.]

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

[**Topics: Sen Johnston**–Whole of outcomes 1, 2 and 3, including ADF operations, Defence white paper, force preparedness, missile defence, Defence reviews, military justice reform implementation, fraud and ethics, health support services, ADF medical rehabilitation, ADF reserves policy. **Sen Ludlam**–White paper expenditure, military justice reform implementation, Talisman Sabre post exercise environmental monitoring (under military exercises).]

Defence funding and financial statements

[**Topics: Sen Johnston**–Whole program including discretionary grants, purchaser–provider arrangements.]

Capability development

[**Topic: Sen Johnston**–Whole program including Defence Capability Plan.]

Outcome 1

Program 1.11: Capability development

[**Topics: Sen Johnston**–Whole program including projects planned for 1st or 2nd pass approval in 2008–2009, future capability proposals, inc future submarine, future air combat capability–JSF, Super Hornets, withdrawal of F–111s, network centric warfare.]

Defence Materiel Organisation

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

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

[**Topics: Sen Johnston**–Whole outcome including approved major capital equipment projects, top 30 projects by 2008–2009 expenditure, sustainment and through–life support (incl top 20 sustainment products), ADF clothing and personal equipment, DMO budget issues

and financial statements, DMO staffing.]

Capital facilities and Defence support

[**Topics: Sen Johnston**–Whole program including estate management, base support services, Single LEAP, ADF housing. **Sen Abetz**–Anglesea Barracks, Hobart. **Sen Trood**–Amberley Air Force Base, Defence bases/barracks.]

Outcome 1

Program 1.6: Defence support

Program 1.14: Defence Force superannuation benefits

Program 1.15: Defence Force superannuation-nominal interest

[**Topics: Sen Johnston**–Whole program including management of the Defence estate, garrison support.]

People

[**Topics: Sen Johnston**–Whole program including ADF and APS personnel and workforce matters. **Sen Barnett**–Obesity in ADF personnel.]

Outcome 1

Program 1.13: People strategies and policy

[**Topics: Sen Johnston**–Whole program including ADF recruitment and retention, conditions of service, redress of grievances, civilian numbers, Defence Community Organisation (DCO). **Sen Abetz**–Management and recruitment, Anglesea Barracks, Hobart.]

Remaining Defence output groups

Outcome 1

Program 1.2: Navy capabilities

[**Topics: Sen Johnston**–Whole program including FFG capability issues, naval aviation capability, operations and crewing of submarines and future capabilities.]

Program 1.3: Army capabilities

[**Topics: Sen Johnston**–Whole program including hardened and networked Army/enhanced land force, high readiness reserve.]

Program 1.4: Air Force capabilities

[**Topics: Sen Johnston**–Whole program including future air capabilities.]

Program 1.8: Chief Information Officer.

[**Topic: Sen Johnston**–Whole program including Defence IT networks. **Sen Trood**–ICT systems.]

6.00pm–6.30pm

Defence Housing Australia

[**Topic: Sen Kroger**–whole of agency.]

7.30pm–8.30pm

Defence Force Ombudsman

[**Topic: Sen Johnston**–Redress of grievances.]

8.30pm–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: Rehabilitation compensation acts payments—income support and compensation

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

[**Topic: Sen Johnston**—program 1.3. **Sen Kroger**—veterans' pensions etc, veterans' income support and allowances, disability support, assistance to defence widow(er)s and dependents, assistance and other compensation for veterans and dependents, rehabilitation compensation acts payments (including *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*). **Sen Trood**—veterans' income support and allowances. Sen Barnett—Compensation/retrospective payments to Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels in Papua New Guinea.]

Outcome 2: Health Maintain and enhance the physical wellbeing and quality of the 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: Rehabilitation compensation acts—health and counselling and other health services.

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

[**Topics:** Senator Johnston—programs 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3. **Sen Kroger**—veterans' counselling and other health services, veterans' mental health.]

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

[**Topic: Sen Kroger**—Outcome 3, Graythwaite Estate. **Sen Trood**—war graves and commemorations.]

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 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.

[**Topics: Sen Kroger**–Promotion and community services. **Sen Trood**–commemorative ceremonies, research and information dissemination.]

THURSDAY, 22 October 2009

Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Portfolio overview

[**Topics: Sen Trood**–Australian diplomatic missions, heads of mission appointments, freedom of information, departmental staffing.]

**9.00am–4.00pm and
7.30pm–9.00pm**
**DFAT general
issues.**

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 policies.

[**Topic: Sen Trood**–Australia's international strategic, security and economic interests.]

Program 1.1: Other departmental

4.00pm–6.30pm:
AusAID

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

9.00pm–11.00pm:
**DFAT trade and
Austrade** (joint
sitting)

[**Topics: Sen Abetz**–China; Australian government bonds bought by China. **Sen Ludlam**–China/Tibet. **Sen Trood**–North Asia: China, Japan.]

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

[**Topics: Sen Ludlam**–Burma. **Sen Trood**–Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Burma.]

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

[**Topics: Sen Trood**–United States of America, South America.]

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

[**Topic: Sen Trood**–Europe.]

South and West Asia, Middle East and Africa [South and West Asia: India, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives. Middle East: Gulf States, Israel, Palestinian Territories, Iraq, Iran. African countries: South Africa, Sudan, Zimbabwe and all other African countries.]

[**Topics: Sen Trood**–India, Afghanistan, Africa.]

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

[**Topic: Sen Trood**–Pacific.]

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.]

[**Topics: Sen Abetz**—United Nations bid by Australia, legal issues. **Sen Siewert**—Dolphin hunting in Tjiji, Japan. **Sen Trood**—international organisations, Asia Pacific Community.]

National security, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation

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

[**Topics: Sen Ludlam**—ASNO on arms control and disarmament efforts. **Sen Trood**—national security, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.]

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

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

[**Topics: Sen Trood**—Bilateral, regional and multilateral trade negotiations; China free trade agreement, Japan free trade agreement.]

*** Trade development/policy coordination and Asia-Pacific**

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

Program 1.2: Payment 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]

[**Topics: Sen Trood**—Shanghai Expo. Trade development/policy coordination & Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation.]

Program 1.4: Other administered items—DFAT [Payments to Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act, including EFIC, Hosting 35th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting]

[**Topic: Sen Abetz**—Export Finance Insurance Council (EFIC).]

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 overseas.

Program 2.1 and 2.3: Consular services

Program 2.2 and 2.4: Passport services

[**Topics: Sen Trood**—consular services, 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: Other departmental [Overseas physical security, Overseas IT support]

Program 3.2: Overseas property.

[**Topic: Sen Trood**—Security issues relating to Australia's overseas missions.]

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)

Outcome 1: Agriculture in developing countries and Australia is more productive and sustainable as a result of better technologies, practices, policies and systems.

Program 1: International agricultural research and development.

ACIAR was not required to attend supplementary estimates. Senator Payne nominated topics for questions on notice.

[**Topics: Sen Payne**–Food security funding to Africa, Food security funding–general, and Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research.]

4.00pm–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.

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

Program 2.1: East Asia.

[**Topics: Sen Abetz**–Program 1.3: China. **Sen Hanson-Young**–Family planning guidelines, roll out of family planning programs and planning.

Sen Ludlam–Burma and 0.7 development aid target; **Sen Payne**–Disaster risk reduction strategy, statistical Summary series, Football Federation Australia, Africa–funding, Zimbabwe–funding, Afghanistan–funding, Pacific Partnerships for Development, responsiveness and accountability initiative, Debt2Health Swap–Indonesia, child and maternal health, microfinance, mine action strategy, Burma–cross-border aid funding, multilateral strategy, Responsibility to Protect–funding, reducing violence against women–strategy, Enterprise Challenge Fund.

Sen Trood–Human rights technical cooperation program–Australia and China, East Timor–funding, PNG–funding, Afghanistan–staffing, Responsibility to Protect.]

9.00pm–11.00pm

Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)

Joint sitting with DFAT

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.

[**Topic: Sen Trood**—whole of agency.]

9.00pm–11.00pm

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade [in continuation]

Joint sitting with Austrade

Trade programs

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

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

[**Topics: Sen Trood**—Bilateral, regional and multilateral trade negotiations; China free trade agreement, Japan free trade agreement.]

*** Trade development/policy coordination and Asia–Pacific**

Economic Cooperation [APEC, international economy and finance, market information, trade advocacy, trade finance, liaison and analysis, OECD, UNCTAD. Expositions Special Account—Shanghai Expo, Australia Network, International Relations Grants Program]

[**Topic: Sen Trood**—Shanghai Expo. Trade development/policy coordination & Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation].

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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