

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

The committee met on Wednesday, 26 February 2014 from 9.00 am until 10.55 pm.

The committee called the:

- department and agencies of the Defence portfolio, including the Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO), the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Australian War Memorial

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- transitional arrangements for Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel serving in Afghanistan
- the deteriorating budgetary situation in the Defence portfolio
- command and decision-making structures surrounding Operation Sovereign Borders, including occupational health and safety issues facing ADF personnel
- Navy incursions into Indonesian territorial waters
- Defence procurement and Australian industry benefits
- a review of the DMO
- the timeliness of processing compensation claims made by veterans.