



Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2018-19
Tuesday, 29 May 2018
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.38pm.

The committee called the Department of Defence.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- appointment of the Hon David Johnston as the Australian Defence Export Advocate and remuneration arrangements;
- review of the *Defence Trade Controls Act 2012* by Dr Vivienne Thom;
- ANAO Report No. 39 2017-18 – *Naval Construction Programs – Mobilisation*;
- Future Submarine Program;
- Future Frigate Program;
- Naval Shipbuilding College;
- Naval Shipbuilding Advisory Board;
- Offshore Patrol Vessel Project;
- Defence involvement in Naval Group Australia's recruitment processes;
- new cyber security arrangements regarding the Australian Cyber Security Centre and the Australian Signals Directorate which come into effect on 1 July 2018;
- amount of credit card fraud and level of recovery; and
- disparity in the level of use of Qantas compared to Virgin.

The committee completed examination up to Program 2.7 of the Department of Defence, and will resume at Program 2.8 tomorrow morning at 9.00am.