

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

The committee met on Thursday, 21 November 2013 from 9.00 am until 10.26 pm.

The committee called:

- the department and agencies of the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio, including Tourism Australia, the Export Finance Insurance Corporation, and the Australian Trade Commission.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- machinery of government changes, including the integration of the Australia Agency for International Development (AusAID) into the department, and the impact on the AusAID graduate program;
- staff reductions and voluntary redundancies;
- ministerial travel expenses;
- Australia's relationship with Indonesia;
- Colin Russell and the Arctic 30;
- the integration of Tourism into the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio;
- the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement.