



## HEARING PROGRAM

# Additional Estimates 2024–25

## Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Wednesday, 26 February 2025 – Thursday, 27 February 2025

**Main Committee Room**, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



### Hearing location

Main Committee Room  
Parliament House, Canberra  
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### Committee members

Senator Raff Ciccone (Chair)  
Senator Dave Sharma (Deputy Chair)  
Senator Lisa Darmanin  
Senator the Hon David Fawcett  
Senator Nita Green  
Senator Jordon Steele-John

### Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister  
Senator the Hon Penny Wong  
Senator the Hon Don Farrell

### Secretariat

Pothida Youhorn, Committee Secretary  
Georgia O'Connor, Estimates Officer



Written questions on notice should be provided to the secretariat by **Tuesday, 4 March 2025**.

Answers to questions taken on notice are due to the committee by **Monday, 24 March 2025**.

Defence Portfolio

<p><b>9.00am</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Defence</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Defend Australia and its national interests through the conduct of operations and provision of support for the Australian community and civilian authorities in accordance with Government direction.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Operations Contributing to the Safety of the Immediate Neighbourhood          Program 1.2: Operations Supporting Wider Interests          Program 1.3: Defence Contribution to National Support Tasks in Australia</p> <p><b>Outcome 2: Protect and advance Australia's strategic interests through the provision of strategic policy, the development, delivery and sustainment of military, intelligence and enabling capabilities, and the promotion of regional and global security and stability as directed by Government.</b></p> <p>Program 2.1: Strategy, Policy and Industry          Program 2.2: Defence Executive Support          Program 2.3: Defence Finance          Program 2.4: Joint Capabilities          Program 2.5: Navy Capabilities          Program 2.6: Army Capabilities          Program 2.7: Air Force Capabilities          Program 2.8: Australian Defence Force Headquarters          Program 2.9: Capability Acquisition and Sustainment (including Guided Weapons and Explosive Ordnance Group)          Program 2.10: Security and Estate          Program 2.11: Defence Digital          Program 2.12: Defence People (including Chief of Personnel)          Program 2.13: Defence Science and Technology          Program 2.14: Defence Intelligence          Program 2.15: Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment          Program 2.16: Nuclear-Powered Submarines          Program 2.19: Defence Trusts and Joint Accounts          Program 2.20: Defence Force Superannuation Benefits          Program 2.21: Defence Force Superannuation Nominal Interest          Program 2.22: Housing Assistance          Program 2.23: Other Administered</p>
<p><b>11.00am</b></p>	<p>Morning tea</p>
<p><b>11.10am</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Defence (continued)</b></p>
<p><b>1.00pm</b></p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p><b>1.45pm</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Defence (continued)</b></p>

3.00pm	<p><b>Australian Submarine Agency</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Safely and securely acquire, construct, deliver, technically govern, sustain and dispose of Australia's conventionally-armed nuclear-powered submarine capability, via the AUKUS partnership.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Nuclear-Powered Submarines</p>
4.00pm	Afternoon tea
4.10pm	<p><b>Australian Submarine Agency (continued)</b></p>
5.00pm	<p><b>Australian Signals Directorate</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Defend Australia from global threats and advance our national interests through the provision of foreign signals intelligence, cyber security offensive cyber operations, as directed by Government.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Foreign Signals Intelligence, Cyber Security and Offensive Cyber Operations</p>
5.30pm	<p><b>Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force</b></p>
6.00pm	<p><b>Defence Housing Australia</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: To contribute to Defence outcomes by providing total housing services that meet Defence Operational and client needs through a strong customer and business focus.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: The provision of Defence housing and housing related services</p>
6.30pm	Dinner break
7.15pm	<p><b>Department of Veterans' Affairs</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Maintain and enhance the financial wellbeing and self-sufficiency of eligible persons and their dependents through access to income support, compensation, and other support services, including advice and information about entitlements.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Veterans' Income Support and Allowances  Program 1.2: Veterans' Disability Support  Program 1.3: Assistance to Defence Widow/ers and Dependents  Program 1.4: Assistance and Other Compensation for Veterans and Dependents  Program 1.5: Veterans' Children Education Scheme  Program 1.6: Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts Payments - Income Support and Compensation  Program 1.7: Adjustment to the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts Liability Provision – Income Support and Compensation</p> <p><b>Outcome 2: Maintain and enhance the physical and mental wellbeing and quality of life of eligible persons and their dependents through health and other care services that promote early intervention, prevention and treatment, including advice and other information about health service entitlements.</b></p> <p>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</p>

	<p>Program 2.6: Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts - Health and Other Care Services  Program 2.7: Adjustment to the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts Liability Provision – Health and Other Care Services</p> <p><b>Outcome 3: 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.</b></p> <p>Program 3.1: War Graves  Program 3.2: Commemorative Activities</p>
<b>9.30pm</b>	<p><b>Australian War Memorial</b></p> <p><b>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 and exhibition of historical material, commemorative ceremonies and research.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: To maintain and develop the National Memorial and a National Collection of historical material and through commemorative ceremonies, exhibitions, research, interpretation and dissemination</p>
<b>10.00pm</b>	Adjournment

## Thursday, 27 February

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### Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio

<b>9.00am</b>	<p><b>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs)</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: The advancement of Australia's international strategic, security and economic interests including through bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement on Australian Government foreign, trade and international development policy priorities.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Operations  Program 1.2: Official Development Assistance  Program 1.3: Official Development Assistance - Multilateral Replenishments  Program 1.4: Payments to International Organisations  Program 1.5: New Colombo Plan - Transforming Regional Relationships  Program 1.6: Public Information Services and Public Diplomacy  Program 1.7: Programs to Promote Australia's International Tourism Interests  Program 1.8: Nuclear Powered Submarine Program</p> <p><b>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 in Australia and overseas.</b></p> <p>Program 2.1: Consular Services  Program 2.2: Passport Services</p> <p><b>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 property estate.</b></p> <p>Program 3.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Security and IT  Program 3.2: Overseas Property</p>
<b>11.00am</b>	Morning tea

<b>11.10am</b>	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs) (continued)
<b>1.00pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1.45pm</b>	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs) (continued)
<b>4.30pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4.40pm</b>	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs) (continued)
<b>6.00pm</b>	Dinner break
<b>6.45pm</b>	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (trade programs)
<b>8:30pm</b>	Export Finance Australia
<b>9.00pm</b>	<p><b>Australian Trade and Investment Commission</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: To contribute to Australia's economic prosperity by supporting Australian exporters to expand internationally, attracting productive international investment, and growing the visitor economy.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Supporting Australian exporters to expand internationally, attracting productive international investment, and growing the visitor economy</p> <p>Program 1.2: Programs to support Australian exporters to expand internationally, attract productive international investment, and grow the visitor economy</p> <p><b>Outcome 2: The protection and welfare of Australians abroad through timely and responsive consular and passport services in specific locations overseas.</b></p> <p>Program 2.1: Consular and Passport Services</p>
<b>9.30pm</b>	<p><b>Tourism Australia</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Grow demand and foster a competitive and sustainable Australian tourism industry through partnership marketing to targeted global consumers in key markets.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Supporting Outcome 1</p>
<b>10.00pm</b>	Adjournment