



Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee  
Budget Estimates 2024–25  
Monday, 3 June 2024  
Daily summary

The Committee met from 9:01am until 10.00pm.

The committee called: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs).

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- International Criminal Court - arrest warrants;
- Update to UNRWA funding;
- 2024-25 budget - increased funding for International Engagement capacity;
- Recognition of Palestinian state;
- UN 10 May resolution in relation to the two-state solution;
- Possible Israeli Sanctions;
- Iranian interference at Australian universities;
- Iranian attacks in Israel;
- New Caledonia unrest;
- New Colombo plan;
- Officials present at the Australia New Zealand Leaders Meeting July 2022;
- Parliamentarians contacted by the Chinese Embassy;
- CCP backed hacking group targeting Parliamentarians;
- Taiwanese election;
- Demining efforts in the Black Sea;
- Settler violence in the West Bank;
- Humanitarian aid in Gaza, barriers to peace in Israel/Palestine conflict and Australian casualties in Middle East conflict;
- Australian representation at Ukraine Peace Summit, Ukraine aid requests and the Ukrainian embassy in Kiev;
- Falepili Union Treaty (Tuvalu);
- Classification of Houthis as terrorist organization;
- ODA funding for climate related issues;
- National security and the IRCG;
- Chinese flare attack;
- Rising tensions in the Pacific;
- Australia's Southeast Asia strategy;
- Petition to exclude Israel from FIFA World Cup;
- Indian PM Modi visit;
- PNG landslide and PNG security arrangements;
- New Chancellery in Honolulu;
- Departmental ASL;
- Reliability of information on DFAT webpage;
- First Nations Ambassador;
- Afghan Lee program;

- Nuclear weapons;
- China Rainbow's involvement in Soccerroos match in Beijing;
- Cyber security strategy;
- Liquidation of Air Vanuatu;
- Bilateral Security Treaty arrangement with Solomon Islands;
- Construction and management of port in Nauru;
- Withdrawal of Bendigo Bank from Nauru;
- Application of National Security law in Hong Kong; and
- Decreasing allocation of funds to ASEAN.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on 4 June 2024 in Main Committee Room, for further examination of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Portfolio.