



Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2024–25
Tuesday, 4 June 2024
Daily summary

The Committee met from 9:00am until 7.45pm.

The committee called: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Export Finance Australia, Australian Trade and Investment Commission and Tourism Australia.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs)

- Detained Australians;
- The World Health Organisation, World Health Assembly;
- Extrication of an individual named as Ms Wang;
- Passport office, passport services;
- Concerns of Korea and Russia;
- Palestinian Authority;
- Pacific Engagement Visa;
- Autonomous Sanctions Review;
- China Rainbow's involvement in Socceroos match in Beijing (Cont.);
- Open letter within DFAT condemning Palestinian Genocide;
- Investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS);
- Australian Proliferation Safeguards, AUKUS;
- Middle East Trade Agreements, live sheep exports;
- Southeast Asia Investment Funding;
- Trade Tourism Strategies;
- Foreign investment in Southeast Asia; and
- World intellectual organisation – indigenous intellectual property.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (trade programs)

- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), applications to CPTPP;
- Australia's top trading partners;
- Anti-Dumping dispute between Indonesia and EU;
- Production credits and subsidies;
- Chinese tariffs on Australian wine, trade barriers with China;
- EU Free trade agreement, labour market testing resolution in the EU-New Zealand free trade agreement;
- Live sheep exports;
- Trade 2040 Taskforce;
- NZ intellectual property cases against Australia; and
- Trans-Australia Energy Transition Program.

Export Finance Australia

- Southeast Asia investment funding project;
- Australia's National Interests;
- Export Finance Australia national interest framework;
- Future Made in Australia;
- Exports of Uranium; and
- Loans to PsiQuantum.

Australian Trade and Investment Commission

- Simplified Trade Systems;
- Due Diligence by Austrade into China Rainbow;
- Live sheep exports;
- Export Markets Development Grants Program; and
- Austrade posts closures.

Tourism Australia

- Misuse of Tourism Australia Funds by employees;
- Overseas employees stranded in Australia during COVID;
- Australian Tourism Exchange;
- Thrive 2030 tourism strategy - first nations elements; and
- Tourism recovery numbers.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on 5 June 2024 in the Main Committee Room, to examine the Department of Defence Portfolio.