



Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2024–25
Wednesday, 5 June 2024
Daily summary

The committee met from 9:00am until 10.00pm.

The committee called: Department of Defence.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- Retention and recruitment policies regarding eligibility of foreign nationals to apply to ADF
- Australia's defence exports to Israel;
- Total permanent force of ADF;
- One defence data program, Anchoram Financial Review;
- Personnel, culture changes made in the last 12 months (measures of success and those in charge);
- Recruitment and retention;
- Collins Class submarines;
- Export controls of F-35 fighter jets – use in Gaza conflict;
- Security clearances;
- Submarines;
- Sovereign defence industry priorities;
- Collins and LOTE;
- Henderson shipyard;
- Navy Surface Combatant Fleet;
- AUKUS;
- Afghanistan oversight report , Afghanistan photoshoot omitted from website;
- Combined special forces process;
- GWEO acquisition and manufacturing, GWEO enterprise plan and development strategy;
- Advice on Foreign Investment Review Board;
- Partner program with Austral;
- CDF open letter headed "Public servants condemn Australian government complicity in Palestinian genocide";
- Counter naval mine capability;
- Questions on notice from previous rounds;
- Raytheon guided weapons;
- Department of Veteran Affairs personnel;
- Richard Leslie Norden Victoria Cross;
- Fuel reserves and security;
- PFAS contamination at Defence sites;
- Consolidation of IIP projects;
- Capability improvements at Darwin Airport;
- Offshore patrol vessel program; and
- Defence Industry Development strategy.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on 6 June 2024 in the Main Committee Room, for further examination of the Department of Defence Portfolio.