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Foreword

This report is the result of the second general review by the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade of annual reports from the government agencies within its area of interest.

Traditionally, Senate committees, not Joint or House committees, have conducted general annual report reviews. The annual reports from the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio were originally reviewed for two main reasons:

- first, to make an active contribution to the processes by which the Parliament holds the Executive and its agencies to account; and
- second, to seek status reports on various policy and operational issues outlined in the annual reports.

For this review, however, the Committee decided to focus on the performance of agencies in delivering outcomes rather than subject matters of interest. The Committee also decided that the reviews should concentrate on a limited number of issues rather than the broad sweep approach used the previous year.

The Foreign Affairs Sub-Committee, the Trade Sub-Committee and the Human Rights Sub-Committee each conducted their own reviews relevant to their areas of interest. This report presents each of these reviews as individual chapters. Three public hearings were held in the course of the review, one by each of the Sub-Committees. A broad range of issues were canvassed at these hearings.

Not only has the review contributed to the accountability process, it has allowed us to consider issues which may warrant closer examination by way of specific inquiries.

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List of abbreviations

ACTU	Australian Council of Trade Unions
ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADS	Australian Development Scholarships
AFP	Australian Federal Police
AII	Australia-Indonesia Institute
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
ANU	the Australian National University
APEC	Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
APLF	Asia Pacific Leadership Forum on HIV/AIDS development
APS	Australian Public Service
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
Austrade	Australian Trade Commission
CMIS	Consular Management Information Systems
CPRF	Community Peace and Restoration Fund
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
EFIC	Export Finance and Insurance Corporation
ETPS	East Timor Police Service

FORSEC	Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (administrative arm of the Pacific Islands Forum)
FTA	Free trade agreement
HREOC	Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
HRTCP	Human Rights Technical Cooperation Program
IDA	International Development Association
IEPG	International Economics Policy Group
IFAD	International Fund for Agriculture Developments
KPI	Key performance indicator
KRA	Key Result Area
MAF	Multilateral Assessment Frame Work
MDG	Market Development Group (DFAT)
MDTF	Market Development Task Force
NGO	Non governmental organisation
NTB	Non tariff barrier
ONA	Office of National Assessments
ORE	Office of Review and Education
OTN	Office of Trade Negotiations (DFAT)
PM&C	(Department of) Prime Minster and Cabinet
PMR	Policy Management reform fund
PNG	Papua New Guinea
PPP	Purchasing power party
PRPM	Program Review and Planning Mission
QAG	Quality Assurance group

RAMSI	Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands
RBA	Reserve Bank of Australia
RSIP	Royal Solomon Islands Police
STD	Sexually transmitted disease
TPAC	Trade Policy Advisory Council
TSP	Transitional Support Program
UN	United Nations
UNAIDS	Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
USP	University of the South Pacific
VCP	Virtual Colombo Plan
WFP	United Nations World Food Programme
WTO	World Trade Organisation