

**Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and
Trade**

**Government response to the report of the Trade Subcommittee on
Australia's engagements with the World Trade Organisation tabled on
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The Government continues to look at new ways of providing trade-related technical assistance in developing countries. In doing so, one of our objectives is to support the capacity of such countries to undertake credible analysis of trade issues and the impact of trade liberalisation.

A recent example of such a project, which started in September 2005, is the Trade and Analysis Reform Project (TARP) for Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam and Thailand. This project, which is funded by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), aims to raise the quality of analysis going into trade policy development and assist these countries to engage more fully with the World Trade Organisation.