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Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

28-29 October 2026

Main Committee Room, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only.

Hearing location

Main Committee Room (1R0),
Parliament House, Canberra
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Senator Raff Ciccone, Chair
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Senator Varun Ghosh
Senator Andrew McLachlan CSC
Senator David Shoebridge
Senator Richard Dowling (substituted for Senator Dorinda Cox)

Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Murray Watt
Senator the Hon Penny Wong
Senator the Hon Don Farrel

Secretariat

Pothida Youhorn, Committee Secretary
James Blair, Estimates Officer

Due dates for questions on notice (QoNs)

5 November 2026: Senators' written QoNs
17 December 2026: answers to QoNs

Wednesday, 28 October 2026

Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio

9.00am	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs) **Outcome 1: The advancement of Australia's international strategic, security and economic interests including through bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement on Australian Government foreign, trade and international development policy priorities.** Program 1.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Operations Program 1.2: Official Development Assistance Program 1.3: Official Development Assistance - Multilateral Replenishments Program 1.4: Payments to International Organisations Program 1.5: New Colombo Plan - Transforming Regional Relationships Program 1.6: Public Information Services and Public Diplomacy Program 1.7: Programs to Promote Australia's International Tourism Interests Program 1.8: Nuclear Powered Submarine Program **Outcome 2: The protection and welfare of Australians abroad and access to secure international travel documentation through timely and responsive travel advice and consular and passport services in Australia and overseas.** Program 2.1: Consular Services Program 2.2: Passport Services **Outcome 3: A secure Australian Government presence overseas through the provision of security services and information and communications technology infrastructure, and the management of the Commonwealth's overseas property estate.** Program 3.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Security and IT Program 3.2: Overseas Property
11.00am	Morning tea
11.10am	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs) (continued)
1.00pm	Lunch
1.45pm	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs) (continued)
4.00pm	Afternoon tea

4.10pm	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) **Outcome 1: To achieve more productive and sustainable agricultural systems for the benefit of developing countries and Australia through international agricultural research and training partnerships.** Program 1.1: International agricultural research-for-development for more productive and sustainable agriculture.
5.00pm	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (trade programs)
6.15pm	Dinner
7.00pm	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (trade programs)
8.30pm	Export Finance Australia
9.00pm	Australian Trade and Investment Commission **Outcome 1: To contribute to Australia's economic prosperity by supporting Australian exporters to expand internationally, attracting productive international investment, and growing the visitor economy.** Program 1.1: Supporting Australian exporters to expand internationally, attracting productive international investment, and growing the visitor economy Program 1.2: Programs to support Australian exporters to expand internationally, attract productive international investment, and grow the visitor economy **Outcome 2: The protection and welfare of Australians abroad through timely and responsive consular and passport services in specific locations overseas.** Program 2.1: Consular and Passport Services
9.30pm	Tourism Australia **Outcome 1: Grow demand and foster a competitive and sustainable Australian tourism industry through partnership marketing to targeted global consumers in key markets** Program 1.1: Supporting Outcome 1
10.00pm	Adjournment

Thursday, 29 October 2026

Defence (including Veterans' Affairs) portfolio

9.00am	Department of Defence **Outcome 1 – Defend Australia and its national interests through the conduct of operations and provision of support for the Australian community and civilian authorities in accordance with Government direction.** Program 1.1: Operations Contributing to the Safety of the Immediate Neighbourhood Program 1.2: Operations Supporting Wider Interests Program 1.3: Defence Contribution to National Support Tasks in Australia **Outcome 2: Protect and advance Australia's strategic interests through the provision of strategic policy, the development, delivery and sustainment of military, intelligence and enabling capabilities, and the promotion of regional and global security and stability as directed by Government.** Program 2.1: Strategy, Policy and Industry Program 2.2: Defence Executive Support (including Governance Group) Program 2.3: Defence Finance Program 2.4: Joint Capabilities Program 2.5: Navy Capabilities Program 2.6: Army Capabilities Program 2.7: Air Force Capabilities Program 2.8: Australian Defence Force Headquarters Program 2.9: Capability Acquisition and Sustainment (including Guided Weapons and Explosive Ordnance Group) Program 2.10: Security and Estate Program 2.11: Defence Digital Program 2.12: Defence People (including Chief of Personnel) Program 2.13: Defence Science and Technology Program 2.14: Defence Intelligence Program 2.15: Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment Program 2.16: Nuclear-Powered Submarines Program 2.19: Defence Trusts and Joint Accounts Program 2.20: Defence Force Superannuation Benefits Program 2.21: Defence Force Superannuation Nominal Interest Program 2.22: Housing Assistance Program 2.23: Other Administered
11.00am	Morning tea
11.10am	Department of Defence (continued)
1.00pm	Lunch

1.45pm	Department of Defence (continued)
2.45pm	Australian Submarine Agency **Outcome 1: Safely and securely acquire, construct, deliver, technically govern, sustain and dispose of Australia's conventionally-armed nuclear-powered submarine capability, via the AUKUS partnership.** Program 1.1: Nuclear-powered Submarines
3.45pm	Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Regulator **Outcome 1: Outcome 1: Assure the protection of people and the environment and the regulation of naval nuclear power activities across the lifecycle of Australia's conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarine capability.** Program 1.1: Regulation of Naval Nuclear Power Activities
4.00pm	Break
4.10pm	Australian Signals Directorate **Outcome 1: Defend Australia from global threats and advance our national interests through the provision of foreign signals intelligence, cyber security and offensive cyber operations, as directed by Government.** Program 1.1: Foreign Signals Intelligence, Cyber Security and Offensive Cyber Operations
5.00pm	Defence Housing Australia **Outcome 1: To contribute to Defence outcomes by providing total housing services that meet Defence operational and client needs through a strong customer and business focus.** Program 1.1: The provision of Defence housing and housing related services
5.30pm	Director of Military Prosecutions
5.45pm	Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force
6.15pm	Dinner

7.00pm	Defence and Veterans' Service Commission **Outcome 1: Improve suicide prevention and wellbeing outcomes for serving Australian Defence Force members and Veterans by providing independent oversight and evidence-based advice to the Australian Government and Parliament, including by monitoring, inquiring and reporting on reforms to systems affecting ADF members and Veterans.** Program 1.1: Defence and Veterans' Service Commission
7.30pm	Department of Veterans' Affairs **Outcome 1: Maintain and enhance the financial wellbeing and self-sufficiency of eligible persons and their dependants through access to income support, compensation, and other support services, including advice and information about entitlements.** Program 1.1: Veterans' Income Support and Allowances Program 1.2: Veterans' Disability Support Program 1.3: Assistance to Defence Widow/ers and Dependants Program 1.4: Assistance and Other Compensation for Veterans and Dependants Program 1.5: Veterans' Children Education Scheme Program 1.6: Veterans' Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts Payments - Income Support and Compensation **Outcome 2: Maintain and enhance the physical and mental wellbeing and quality of life of eligible persons and their dependants through health and other care services that promote early intervention, prevention and treatment, including advice and information about health service entitlements.** Program 2.1: General Medical Consultations and Services Program 2.2: Veterans' Hospital Services Program 2.3: Veterans' Pharmaceutical Benefits Program 2.4: Veterans' Community Care and Support Program 2.5: Veterans' Counselling and Other Health Services Program 2.6: Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts - Health and Other Care Services **Outcome 3: Acknowledgement and commemoration of those who served Australia and its allies in wars, conflicts and peace operations through promoting recognition of service and sacrifice, preservation of Australia's wartime heritage, and official commemorations.** Program 3.1: War Graves Program 3.2: Commemorative Activities
8.45pm	Repatriation Commission Veteran Family Commissioner
9.15pm	Repatriation Medical Authority

9.30pm	Australian War Memorial **Outcome 1: Australians remembering, interpreting and understanding the Australian experience of war and its enduring impact through maintaining and developing the National Memorial, its collection and exhibition of historical material, commemorative ceremonies and research.** Program 1.1: To maintain and develop the National Memorial and a National Collection of historical material and through commemorative ceremonies, exhibitions, research, interpretation and dissemination.
10.00pm	Adjournment