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**Senate Select Committee on COVID-19 hearing on Australians impacted by
repatriation and international travel issues**

2:30pm – 4:00pm, Thursday, 24 September 2020

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Strategic Message

- . The protection and safety of Australians is our highest priority
- . This includes staff and their dependants deployed overseas throughout Australia's diplomatic network and in Australia
- . The diplomatic network has experienced an increased strain on resources but at no point were essential services impacted.