

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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Wednesday, 21 and Thursday, 22 October 2008

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Friday, 23 October 2009⁺

Hearing on Cross-Portfolio Indigenous Matters

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THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2009

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

**Families, Housing, Community Services and
Indigenous Affairs Portfolio**

**Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and
Indigenous Affairs Portfolio**

9.00am **Cross outcomes/corporate matters**

10.15am **Outcome 4 Seniors**

12.00noon **Outcome 2 Housing**

3.00pm **Outcome 1 Families**

4.00pm **Outcome 6 Women**

**Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency
(EOWA)**

5.00pm **Outcome 5 Disability and Carers**

7.30pm **Outcome 3 Community Capability and the Vulnerable**

*Please note that Indigenous matters, which Senators have advised
they wish to ask questions, are scheduled on the Cross portfolio
Indigenous matters hearing agenda on 23.10.09*

Proposed breaks	Lunch	12.30 pm	1.30 pm
	Dinner	6.30pm	7.30 pm

**Please note that apart from the 9.00 am starting time the stated times for the commencement of
Outcomes are indicative**

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THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2009

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS

- 9.00am **Treasury Portfolio (continued)**
- 9.00am–11.00am **The Treasury
[Fiscal Group]**
Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations
- 11.00am–11.15am *Morning tea*
- 11.15am–1.30pm **The Treasury
[Revenue Group]***
Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations
- Australian Taxation Office (ATO)***
Outcome 1: Confidence in the administration of aspects of Australia's taxation and superannuation systems through helping people understand their rights and obligations, improving ease of compliance and access to benefits, and managing non-compliance with the law
- * Treasury [Revenue Group] and ATO will be heard together
- 1.30pm–2.30pm *Lunch*
- 2.30pm–3.45pm **The Treasury
[Markets Group]**
Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations
- 3.45pm–4.00pm *Afternoon tea*
- 4.00pm–5.00pm **The Treasury
[Markets Group] (continued)**

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5.00pm–6.00pm	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) Outcome 1: Enhanced public confidence in Australia's financial institutions through a framework of prudential regulation which balances financial safety and efficiency, competition, contestability and competitive neutrality
6.00pm–7.00pm	<i>Dinner</i>
7.00pm–8.30pm	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) Outcome 1: Lawful competition, consumer protection, and regulated national infrastructure markets and services through regulation, including enforcement, education, price monitoring and determining the terms of access to infrastructure services
8.30pm–9.15pm	Australian Office of Financial Management (AOFM) Outcome 1: To enhance the Commonwealth's capacity to manage its net debt portfolio, offering the prospect of savings in debt servicing costs and an improvement in the net worth of the Commonwealth over time
9.15pm–9.30pm	<i>Tea break</i>
9.30pm–10.15pm	Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Outcome 1: Informed decisions, research and discussion within governments and the community by leading the collection, analysis and provision of high quality, objective and relevant statistical information
10.15pm–11.00pm	Productivity Commission Outcome 1: Well-informed policy decision-making and public understanding on matters relating to Australia's productivity and living standards, based on independent and transparent analysis from a community-wide perspective
11.00pm (approx)	Adjournment

Proposed breaks	Morning tea	11.00am	11.15am
	Lunch	1.30pm	2.30pm
	Afternoon tea	3.45pm	4.00pm
	Dinner	6.00pm	7.00pm
	Tea Break	9.15pm	9.30pm

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THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2009

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT
AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**Education, Employment & Workplace
Relations Portfolio (cont.)**

9.00am **Outcome 1-** *Improved access to quality services that support early childhood learning and care for children through a national quality framework, agreed national standards, investment in infrastructure, and support for parents, carers, services and the workforce.*

Support for the Child Care System

Child Care Services Support
Jobs, Education and Training (JET) Child]
Care Fee Assistance

Child Care Fee Assistance

Child Care Benefit
Child Care Tax Rebate

Early Childhood Education

Universal Access to Preschool
Early Learning and Care Centres

Children and Family Centres

Outcome 2- *Improved Learning, and literacy, numeracy and educational attainment for school students, through funding for quality teaching and learning environments, workplace learning and career advice*

Government Schools National Support

Non-Government Schools National Support

Schools Assistance Act 2008

Schools General Recurrent Grants
Schools Capital Grants
Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs
Schools Country Areas
Schools English as a Second Language
Schools Languages Program
Non-Government School Term Hostels
Indigenous Education Program

Schools Support

Drought Assistance for Schools
Helping Children with Autism
National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools

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Quality Outcomes
Grants and Awards
Framework for Open Learning
National Schools Chaplaincy Program
Local Schools Working Together
Indigenous Education

Trade Training Centres
Trade Training Centres in Schools
Australian Technical Colleges

Digital Education Revolution

National Action Plan on Literacy and Numeracy

Building the Education Revolution

Smarter Schools- Low Economic Status Communities
Smarter Schools- Improving Teacher Quality

Youth Support
Careers Transitions and Partnerships
Youth Engagement
Youth Link

School Student Assistance
ABSTUDY Secondary
Assistance for Isolated Children
Youth Allowance
Superannuation Benefits for Aboriginal Tutor Assistance Scheme

Outcome 3- *A growth in skills, qualifications and productivity through funding to improve teacher quality, learning and tertiary sector infrastructure, international promotion of Australia's education and training sectors, and partnerships with industry*

Higher Education Support
Commonwealth Grants Scheme
Performance Funding
Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency
Funding to Support low SES participation
Disability Support Program
Indigenous Support Program
Structural Adjustment
Superannuation Program
Quality Initiatives
Open Learning Initiative
National Institutes
Indexation
Commonwealth Scholarships
Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council
Higher Education Special Projects
Education Investment Fund (Higher Education)

National Student Aptitude Test for Tertiary Admission

HELP

HECS-HELP

FEE-HELP

OS-HELP

SA-HELP

VET FEE HELP

Tertiary Student Assistance

ABSTUDY - Tertiary

AUSTUDY - Tertiary

Youth Allowance

Student Start Up Scholarships

Relocation Scholarship

Vocational Education and Training

VET National Support

National Centre for Vocational Education Research

Australian Apprenticeship Centres

Support for Australian Apprenticeships

Australian Apprenticeships Workforce Skills Development

Australian Apprenticeships Access Program

Education Investment Fund (VET)

Forest Works Industry Skills Council

International Education Support

Higher Education Contribution to Australian Education International

International Education and Training

Assessment Subsidy for Overseas Trained Professionals

If time allows:

Outcome 5- *Safer, fairer and more productive workplaces for employers and employees by promoting and supporting the adoption of fair and flexible workplace arrangements and safer working arrangements*

Employee Assistance

General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme

Unlawful Termination Assistance Scheme

Coal Mining Industry (LSL) Funding Act 1992

Workplace Assistance

Fair Work Education and Information Campaign

Protected Action Ballots Scheme

International Labour Organisation Subscription

Alternative Dispute Resolution

Small Business Work and Family Program

Home Workers Code of Practice Program

Safe Work Australia

Proposed breaks

Morning tea	10.30am–10.45am
Lunch	12.30pm–13.30pm
Afternoon tea	3.45pm–4.00pm
Dinner	6.00pm–7.30pm
Tea Break	9.30pm–9.45pm

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THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2009

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
DEFENCE AND TRADE

Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Portfolio overview

[**Topics: Sen Trood**—Australian diplomatic missions, heads of mission appointments, freedom of information, departmental staffing.]

9.00am–4.00pm and
7.30pm–9.00pm
DFAT *general
issues.*

Outcome 1: The advancement of Australia's international strategic, security and economic interests including through bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement on Australian Government foreign and trade policies.

[**Topic: Sen Trood**—Australia's international strategic, security and economic interests.]

Program 1.1: Other departmental

4.00pm–6.30pm:
AusAID

North Asia [China, Japan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Taiwan.]

9.00pm–11.00pm:
DFAT *trade and
Austrade* (joint
sitting)

[**Topics: Sen Abetz**—China; Australian government bonds bought by China. **Sen Ludlam**—China/Tibet. **Sen Trood**—North Asia: China, Japan.]

South–East Asia [Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and ASEAN.]

[**Topics: Sen Ludlam**—Burma. **Sen Trood**—Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Burma.]

Americas [Canada, USA, the Caribbean, South America (Latin America).]

[**Topics: Sen Trood**—United States of America, South America.]

Europe [Western, Eastern and Southern Europe, including Turkey and organisations such as European Union and NATO.]

[**Topic: Sen Trood**—Europe.]

South and West Asia, Middle East and Africa [South and West Asia: India, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives. Middle East: Gulf States, Israel, Palestinian Territories, Iraq, Iran. African countries: South Africa, Sudan, Zimbabwe and all other African countries.]

[**Topics: Sen Trood**—India, Afghanistan, Africa.]

Pacific [New Zealand, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Nauru, Samoa, Kiribati, Vanuatu; Pacific Islands Forum.]

[**Topic: Sen Trood**—Pacific.]

International organisations and legal issues [International law, sea law, environment law, climate change, treaties, sanctions, transnational crime, domestic and administrative law, United Nations, Commonwealth, human rights, indigenous issues, people smuggling, refugees.]

[**Topics: Sen Abetz**—United Nations bid by Australia, legal issues.

Sen Siewert—Dolphin hunting in Tjiji, Japan. **Sen Trood**—international organisations, Asia Pacific Community.]

National security, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation

[Arms control, counter-proliferation, counter-terrorism, regional and national security.]

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[**Topics: Sen Ludlam**—ASNO on arms control and disarmament efforts. **Sen Trood**—national security, nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.]

* **Bilateral, regional and multilateral trade negotiations**

[Free trade agreements, agriculture, services and intellectual property, WTO, trade law, trade policy, trade commitments.]

[**Topics: Sen Trood**—Bilateral, regional and multilateral trade negotiations; China free trade agreement, Japan free trade agreement.]

* **Trade development/policy coordination and Asia-Pacific**

Economic Cooperation [APEC, international economy and finance, market information, trade advocacy, trade finance, liaison and analysis, OECD, UNCTAD.]

Program 1.2: Payment to international organisations (administered)

Program 1.3: Public information services and public diplomacy (administered) [Expositions Special Account—Shanghai Expo, Australia Network, International Relations Grants Program]

[**Topics: Sen Trood**—Shanghai Expo. Trade development/policy coordination & Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation.]

Program 1.4: Other administered items—DFAT [Payments to Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act, including EFIC, Hosting 35th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting]

[**Topic: Sen Abetz**—Export Finance Insurance Council (EFIC).]

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 overseas.

Program 2.1 and 2.3: Consular services

Program 2.2 and 2.4: Passport services

[**Topics: Sen Trood**—consular services, 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 owned estate.

Program 3.1: Other departmental [Overseas physical security, Overseas IT support]

Program 3.2: Overseas property.

[**Topic: Sen Trood**—Security issues relating to Australia's overseas missions.]

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)

Outcome 1: Agriculture in developing countries and Australia is more productive and sustainable as a result of better technologies, practices, policies and systems.

Program 1: International agricultural research and development.

ACIAR was not required to attend supplementary estimates. Senator Payne nominated topics for questions on notice.

[**Topics: Sen Payne**—Food security funding to Africa, Food security

funding—general, and Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research.]

4.00pm–6.30pm

Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)

Outcome 1: To assist developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development, in line with Australia’s national interest.

Program 1.1: Official development assistance—PNG and Pacific

Program 1.2: Official development assistance—East Asia

Program 1.3: Official development assistance—Africa, South and Central Asia, Middle East and other

Program 1.4: Official development assistance—Emergency, humanitarian and refugee programs

Program 1.5: Official development assistance—Multilateral replenishments

Program 1.6: Official development assistance—UN, Commonwealth and other international organisations

Program 1.7: Official development assistance—NGO, volunteer and community programs.

Outcome 2: Australia’s national interest advanced by implementing a partnership between Australia and Indonesia for reconstruction and development.

Program 2.1: East Asia.

[**Topics: Sen Abetz**—Program 1.3: China. **Sen Hanson-Young**—Family planning guidelines, roll out of family planning programs and planning.

Sen Ludlam—Burma and 0.7 development aid target; **Sen Payne**—Disaster risk reduction strategy, statistical Summary series, Football Federation Australia, Africa—funding, Zimbabwe—funding, Afghanistan—funding, Pacific Partnerships for Development, responsiveness and accountability initiative, Debt2Health Swap—Indonesia, child and maternal health, microfinance, mine action strategy, Burma—cross-border aid funding, multilateral strategy, Responsibility to Protect—funding, reducing violence against women—strategy, Enterprise Challenge Fund.

Sen Trood—Human rights technical cooperation program—Australia and China, East Timor—funding, PNG—funding, Afghanistan—staffing, Responsibility to Protect.]

9.00pm–11.00pm

Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)

Joint sitting with DFAT

Outcome 1: Advance Australia’s trade and investment interests through information, advice and services to businesses, industry and governments.

Program 1.1: Trade and investment development

Program 1.2: Trade development schemes (Export Market Development Grants)

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, passport services.

[**Topic: Sen Trood**—whole of agency.]

9.00pm–11.00pm

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade [in continuation]

Joint sitting with Austrade

Trade programs

*** Bilateral, regional and multilateral trade negotiations**

[Free trade agreements, agriculture, services and intellectual property, WTO, trade law, trade policy, trade commitments.]

[**Topics: Sen Trood**–Bilateral, regional and multilateral trade negotiations; China free trade agreement, Japan free trade agreement.]

*** Trade development/policy coordination and Asia–Pacific**

Economic Cooperation [APEC, international economy and finance, market information, trade advocacy, trade finance, liaison and analysis, OECD, UNCTAD. Expositions Special Account–Shanghai Expo, Australia Network, International Relations Grants Program]

[**Topic: Sen Trood**–Shanghai Expo. Trade development/policy coordination & Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation].

Start 9.00am	10.30am–10.45am	Morning tea
	12.30pm–1.30pm	Lunch
	3.30pm–3.45pm	Afternoon tea
	6.30pm–7.30pm	Dinner
	9.00pm–9.15pm	Tea break, as required
		Adjourn 11.00pm approx

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FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2009

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

HEARING ON CROSS-PORTFOLIO INDIGENOUS MATTERS

**Public Hearing: Hearing on Cross Portfolio Indigenous matters pursuant to
Senate Resolution of 26 August 2008**

[Journals of the Senate: No. 22 – 26 August 2008, p 683]

Ministerial representation: Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

Time	Themes/Issues	Department(s)/Agencies required
9.00am	Indigenous housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wallaga Lake – asbestos • SIHIP • National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing • Lease negotiations • APY housing deal • Housing in Queensland • Home ownership in NSW • Contractors 	Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) (FaHCSIA required all day) Health and Ageing (DoHA) for questions relating to Wallaga Lake – asbestos - health issues
11.00-11.15am tea break		
11.15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Indigenous Representative Body • Blank Page Summit • Northern Territory Emergency Response • Child protection • BasicsCard • Outback stores 	FaHCSIA Centrelink
12.30-1.30pm lunch break		
1.30pm	Health issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing the Gap strategy - funding to community-run critical care services • Tjuntjuntjara Aboriginal Community • Eye health 	Health and Ageing (DoHA) FaHCSIA

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous hearing health • Petrol sniffing 	
	<p>Employment and welfare reform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worn Gundidj Aboriginal Cooperative - provision of IEP • CDEP 	<p>Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)</p> <p>FaHCSIA</p>

Adjournment **The Committee intends to adjourn no later than 2.30 pm**

Please note that the Committee has agreed that any matters relating to Indigenous education and housing for teachers would be considered by the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio during DEEWR's estimates hearings; and any Indigenous law and justice matters, including Native Title, night patrols, alcohol management would be considered by the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee during estimates for the Attorney-General's portfolio.

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