

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
Budget Estimates 2017-18  
Tuesday, 23 May 2017  
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings for the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee considering Budget Estimates 2017-18.

The committee met from 9.00am to 10.10pm.

The committee called the Digital Transformation Agency (DTA). Topics examined included:

- organisational structure;
- ICT procurement review; and
- role of DTA in the development of the myGov website.

The committee called the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PMC). Topics examined included:

- PMC involvement in the development of the Foreign Policy White Paper;
- use of communication systems such as Wickr and WhatsApp and cybersecurity implications;
- Budget night function in the ante room to the Cabinet Suite;
- Prime Minister's hospitality expenditure;
- Budget 2017-18 measures - \$20m departmental supplementation;
- ASEAN-Australia Leaders' Summit;
- PMC contracts with company established by Peta Credlin;
- disposal of Australian National Flag;
- Commonwealth Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional childhood sexual abuse;
- ministerial and staff entitlements at functions;
- Housing Package for Western Sydney;
- market research expenditure;
- Infrastructure and Project Financing Agency;
- appointment of Ambassadors and High Commissioners;
- refit of PMC accommodation; and
- secondment arrangements.

The committee completed examination of Digital Transformation Agency (DTA) and Outcome 1 of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PMC). Outcome 2 of the department will be examined at the cross portfolio hearing on Indigenous Matters on Friday 26 May 2017. The committee will commence examination of the Finance Portfolio on Wednesday, 24 May 2017 in Committee Room 2S1 at 9.00am.