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HEARING PROGRAM

Additional Estimates 2024–25

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Monday 24 February, Tuesday 25 February and Friday 28 February 2025

Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



Hearing location

Committee Room 2S3,
Parliament House, Canberra
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Questions on notice

Questions from Senators due: 4 March 2025
Answers due from Departments: 24 March 2025



Committee members

Senator Karen Grogan, Chair
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Deputy Chair
Senator Catryna Bilyk
Senator Leah Blyth
Senator Ross Cadell
Senator Lisa Darmanin

Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Tim Ayres
Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister
Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Secretariat

Stephen Palethorpe, Committee Secretary
James Blair, Estimates Officer

Monday, 24 February

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

9.00am	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Corporate matters and general questions
9.30am	Outcome 1: Support the transition of Australia's economy to net-zero emissions by 2050; transition energy to support net zero while maintaining security, reliability and affordability; support actions to promote adaptation and strengthen resilience of Australia's economy, society and environment; and take a leadership role internationally in responding to climate change. Program 1.1: Reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions
10.30am	Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee
10.45am	Morning tea
11.00am	Outcome 1: Continued Program 1.2: Support reliable, secure and affordable energy
12.25pm	Australian Renewable Energy Agency
12.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm	Clean Energy Finance Corporation
2.00pm	Climate Change Authority
2.30pm	Snowy Hydro Limited
3.15pm	Clean Energy Regulator

3.45pm	Afternoon tea
4.00pm	Australian Energy Regulator
4.15pm	Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner
4.30pm	<p>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</p> <p>Outcome 2: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage our natural resources including through a nature positive approach; protect and conserve our natural and cultural heritage; reduce and regulate the use of pollutants and hazardous substances; and take a leadership role on these issues internationally.</p> <p>Program 2.1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia's environment through a nature positive approach, including the Office of the Threatened Species Commissioner</p>
6.25pm	Dinner
7.25pm	<p>Outcome 2: Continued</p> <p>Program 2.2: Protect Australia's cultural, historic and First Nations heritage</p>
8.00pm	<p>Outcome 2: Continued</p> <p>Program 2.3: Accelerate the transition to a circular economy, while safely managing pollutants and hazardous substances, including the Office of the Supervising Scientist</p>
8.30pm	Bureau of Meteorology
9.15pm	Evening tea
9.30pm	Threatened Species Scientific Committee

9.45pm	Australian Institute of Marine Science
10.10pm	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
10.30pm	<p data-bbox="405 477 1374 510">Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</p> <p data-bbox="405 521 1414 611">Outcome 3: Advance Australia's environmental, scientific, strategic and economic interests in the Antarctic region by protecting, researching and administering in the region, including through international engagement.</p> <p data-bbox="405 636 1374 719">Program 3.1: Contribute to Australia's national Antarctic interests through science, environmental management and international engagement, including delivering Australia's scientific research and operations in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean</p>
11.00pm	Adjournment

Tuesday, 25 February

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, excluding Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development

9.00am	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Corporate matters and general questions
9.15am	Outcome 5: Promote an innovative and competitive communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, so all Australians can realise the full potential of digital technologies and communications services. Program 5.1 – Digital Technologies and Communications Services
10.45am	Morning tea
11.00am	Outcome 5: continued Program 5.1 – Digital Technologies and Communications Services
11.45am	Australian Communications and Media Authority
1.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
4.00pm	Special Broadcasting Service Corporation
4.30pm	Afternoon tea
4.45pm	Office of the eSafety Commissioner
6.00pm	Australian Postal Corporation
6.45pm	Dinner

7.45pm	NBN Co Limited
9.00pm	Classification Board
9.15pm	Evening tea
9.30pm	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</p> <p>Outcome 6: Participation in, and access to, Australia's arts and culture through developing and supporting cultural expression</p> <p>Program 6.1 – Arts and Cultural Development</p>
10.00pm	National Museum of Australia
10.15pm	National Gallery of Australia
10.30pm	Creative Australia
11.00pm	Adjournment