



PARLIAMENT  
OF AUSTRALIA

## HEARING PROGRAM

# Budget Supplementary Estimates 2021–22

## Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Monday, 25 October – Tuesday, 26 October 2021

**Committee Room 2S3**, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



### Hearing location

Committee Room 2S3,  
Parliament House, Canberra  
Waiting room: Committee Room 1S3  
Waiting overflow room: Committee Room 1S4



### Broadcasts of proceedings

Television channel 111  
Radio 91.1  
[https://www.aph.gov.au/Watch Read Listen](https://www.aph.gov.au/Watch_Read_Listen)



### Contact

ec.sen@aph.gov.au  
+61 2 6277 3526

### Committee rooms

Committee Room 2S3: (02) 6277 5853  
Committee Room 1S3: (02) 6277 5845  
Committee Room 1S4: (02) 6277 5847



### Committee members

Senator Andrew Bragg, Chair  
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Deputy Chair  
Senator Nita Green  
Senator Anthony Chisholm  
Senator Sam McMahon  
Senator David Van

### Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Zed Seselja  
Senator the Hon Jane Hume

### Secretariat

Stephen Palethorpe, Committee Secretary  
James Dawson, Estimates Officer

Monday, 25 October

---

Industry, Science, Energy and Resources Portfolio, excluding industry, science and resources

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources</b> General questions
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Outcome 2: Reduce Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions, contribute to effective global action on climate change, and support technological innovation in clean and renewable energy, through developing and implementing a national response to climate change</b> Program 2.1: Reducing Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions Program 2.2: Developing clean energy technology
<b>11.20am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.35am</b>	<b>Outcome 3: Support the affordable, reliable, secure and competitive operation of energy markets for the long term benefit of the Australian community through improving Australia’s energy supply, efficiency, quality, performance and productivity</b> Program 3.1: Supporting reliable, secure and affordable energy
<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Clean Energy Regulator</b>
<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>Australian Renewable Energy Agency</b> Witnesses via videoconference
<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</b> Witnesses via videoconference
<b>1.15pm</b>	Lunch break
<b>2.15pm</b>	<b>Climate Change Authority</b>
<b>3.15pm</b>	<b>Snowy Hydro Limited</b>
<b>4.15pm</b>	Afternoon tea

## Agriculture, Water and the Environment Portfolio, excluding agriculture and water

4.30pm	<p><b>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</b></p> <p>General questions</p>
4.45pm	<p><b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment (funding), including the Office of Threatened Species Commissioner</p>
5.45pm	<p><b>Threatened Species Scientific Committee</b></p> <p>Professor Helene Marsh, Chair (via videoconference)</p>
6.00pm	<p><b>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b></p> <p>Program 1.2: Environmental Information and Research</p>
6.15pm	Dinner break
7.15pm	<p><b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b></p> <p>Program 1.4: Conservation of Australia's Heritage and Environment (regulation)</p>
8.45pm	Tea break
9.00pm	<p><b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b></p> <p>Program 1.5: Environmental Regulation</p>
9.45pm	<p><b>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities.</b></p> <p>Program 1.6: Management of hazardous wastes, substances and pollutants</p>

<b>10.15pm</b>	<b>Outcome 2: Advance Australia’s strategic, scientific, environmental and economic interests in the Antarctic region by protecting, administering and researching the region.</b> Program 2.1: Antarctica: Science, Policy and Presence (via videoconference)
<b>10.30pm</b>	<b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b> Witnesses via videoconference
<b>10.45pm</b>	<b>Bureau of Meteorology</b> Witnesses via videoconference
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

## Tuesday, 26 October

---

### Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Portfolio, excluding infrastructure, transport and regional development

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</b> General questions
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Australian Postal Corporation</b> Witnesses via videoconference
<b>11.00am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Office of the eSafety Commissioner</b> Witnesses via videoconference
<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Australian Communications and Media Authority</b> Witnesses via videoconference
<b>1.15pm</b>	Lunch break
<b>2.15pm</b>	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</b> <b>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</b> Program 5.1: Digital Technologies and Communications Services
<b>4.15pm</b>	Afternoon tea

<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</b> Witnesses via videoconference
<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation</b> Witnesses via videoconference
<b>6.30pm</b>	Dinner break
<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</b> <b>Outcome 6: Participation in, and access to, Australia's arts and culture through developing and supporting cultural expression</b> Program 6.1: Arts and Cultural Development
<b>8.30pm</b>	<b>Screen Australia</b> Witnesses via videoconference
<b>9.00pm</b>	Tea break
<b>9.15pm</b>	<b>NBN Co Limited</b> Witnesses via videoconference
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment