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Supplementary Budget Estimates 2024–25

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Monday 4 November, Tuesday 5 November and Friday 8 November 2024
Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



Hearing location

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



Committee members

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



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Questions on notice

Questions from Senators due: 14 November 2024
Answers due from Departments: 19 December 2024

Monday, 4 November

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
10.20am	Outcome 1: Continued Program 1.2: Support reliable, secure and affordable energy
10.50am	Morning tea
11.05am	Outcome 1: Continued Program 1.2: Support reliable, secure and affordable energy
12.05pm	Australian Renewable Energy Agency
12.25pm	Clean Energy Finance Corporation (via videoconference)
12.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm	Climate Change Authority
2.10pm	Snowy Hydro Limited
2.50pm	Clean Energy Regulator

3.20pm	Australian Energy Regulator
3.50pm	Afternoon tea
4.05pm	Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner
4.30pm	Offshore Infrastructure Regulator & Offshore Infrastructure Registrar
4.45pm	<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>
6.20pm	Dinner
7.20pm	<p>Outcome 2: Continued</p> <p>Program 2.2: Protect Australia's cultural, historic and First Nations heritage</p>
7.55pm	<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>
9.00pm	Threatened Species Scientific Committee (via videoconference)
9.30pm	Evening tea
9.45pm	Australian Institute of Marine Science (via videoconference)
10.00pm	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (via videoconference)

10.30pm	<p data-bbox="405 241 1377 315">Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (AAD staff via videoconference)</p> <p data-bbox="405 327 1414 416">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="405 443 1374 521">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, 5 November

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 Broadcasting Corporation
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Australian Broadcasting Corporation ctd.
2.45pm	Special Broadcasting Service Corporation (via videoconference)
3.00pm	Australian Communications and Media Authority
4.15pm	Afternoon tea
4.30pm	Australian Postal Corporation
5.15pm	Office of the eSafety Commissioner
6.30pm	Dinner

7.30pm	NBN Co Limited
8.45pm	Classification Board (via videoconference)
9.00pm	Evening tea
9.15pm	<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>
10.15pm	National Gallery of Australia (via videoconference)
10.30pm	Creative Australia
10.45pm	Bundanon Trust
11.00pm	Adjournment

Friday, 8 November

Cross Portfolio Murray Darling Basin Plan matters

9.00am	Inspector-General of Water Compliance
10.00am	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Outcome 4: Improve the health of rivers and wetlands and enhance the sustainable, efficient and productive use of Australia's water resources. Program 4.1 - Protect, restore and sustainably manage Australia's water resources, including: Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Commonwealth Environmental Water Office Murray-Darling Basin Authority National Water Grid Authority Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	Outcome 4, Program 4.1 continued Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Commonwealth Environmental Water Office Murray-Darling Basin Authority National Water Grid Authority
1.00pm	Adjournment