

H E A R I N G P R O G R A M

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 Waiting room: Committee Room 1S4



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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	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water 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. Program 2.1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia's environment through a nature positive approach, including the Office of the Threatened Species Commissioner
6.25pm	Dinner
7.25pm	Outcome 2: Continued Program 2.2: Protect Australia's cultural, historic and First Nations heritage
8.00pm	Outcome 2: Continued Program 2.3: Accelerate the transition to a circular economy, while safely managing pollutants and hazardous substances, including the Office of the Supervising Scientist
8.30pm	Bureau of Meteorology
9.15pm	Evening tea
9.30pm	Threatened Species Scientific Committee (via videoconference)

9.45pm	Australian Institute of Marine Science
10.10pm	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
10.30pm	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water 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. 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
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
4.30pm 4.45pm	
	Afternoon tea

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

Friday, 28 February

Cross Portfolio Murray Darling Basin Plan matters

9.00am	Inspector-General of Water Compliance
10.00am	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and WaterOutcome 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
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	Lunch
2.00pm	Outcome 4, Program 4.1 continued Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Commonwealth Environmental Water Office Murray-Darling Basin Authority National Water Grid Authority
3.45pm	Afternoon Tea
4.00pm	Outcome 4, Program 4.1 continued Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Commonwealth Environmental Water Office Murray-Darling Basin Authority National Water Grid Authority
5.oopm	Adjournment



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Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Monday 24, Tuesday 25, and Friday 28 February 2025 **Committee Room 2S1**, Parliament House, Canberra

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Presiding Officer

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Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Tim Ayres Senator the Hon Don Farrell Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Secretariat

Mark Fitt, Committee Secretary Alexander Migdalias, Estimates Officer

Monday, 24 February 2025

Parliamentary Departments

9.00am	Department of the Senate Outcome 1: Advisory and administrative support services to enable the Senate and senators to fulfil their representative and legislative duties. Program 1 – Advice and Support
9.15am	Parliamentary Budget Office Outcome 1: Inform the Parliament by providing independent and non-partisan analysis of the budget cycle, fiscal policy and the financial implications of proposals. Program 1.1 – Parliamentary Budget Office
9.30am	Department of Parliamentary Services Outcome 1: Support the functions of Parliament and parliamentarians through the provision of professional services, advice and facilities, maintain Australian Parliament House and engage with the community. Program 1.1 – Parliamentary Services Parliamentary Service Commissioner
10.35am	Morning tea

Prime Minister & Cabinet Portfolio

10.50am	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Outcome 1: Provide high quality policy advice and support to the Prime Minister, the Cabinet, Portfolio Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries including through the coordination of government activities, policy development and program delivery. Program 1.1 – Prime Minister and Cabinet
12.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (cont.) Outcome 1 continued
4.00pm	Afternoon tea
4.15pm	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (cont.) Outcome 1 continued
5.00pm	Net Zero Economy Authority

5.30pm	Office of National Intelligence Outcome 1: Advancement of Australia's national interests through increased government awareness of international developments affecting Australia, and integration, coordination and evaluation of Australia's national intelligence capabilities.
6.00pm	Dinner break
7.00pm	Australian National Audit Office Outcome 1: To improve public sector performance and accountability through independent reporting on Australian Government administration to Parliament, the Executive and the public. Program 1.1 – Financial Statements Audit Services Program 1.2 – Performance Audit Services Program 1.3 – Performance Statements Audit Services
7.45pm	National Australia Day Council Outcome 1: A shared celebration of Australia and Australians through promoting the meaning of and participation in Australia Day and the Australian of Year Awards.

Finance Portfolio

8.15pm	Department of FinanceOutcome 2: Support an efficient and high-performing public sector through providing leadership to Commonwealth entities in ongoing improvements to public sector governance, including through systems, frameworks, policy, advice and service delivery.Program 2.1 – Public Sector Governance (Electoral Policy only—SMOS responsibility)Outcome 3: Support for Parliamentarians and others as required by the Australian Government through the delivery of and advice on, work expenses and allowances, entitlements and targeted programs. Program 3.1 – Ministerial and Parliamentary Services
9.00pm	Australian Electoral Commission Outcome 1: Maintain an impartial and independent electoral system for eligible voters through active electoral roll management, efficient delivery of polling services and targeted education and public awareness programs. Program 1.1 – Deliver Electoral Events
9.45pm	Tea break
10.00pm	Parliamentary Workplace Support Service
10.30pm	Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Outcome 1: Support for current and former parliamentarians and others as required by the Australian Government through the delivery of, independent oversight and advice on, work resources and travel resources. Program 1.1 – Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority – Travel Oversight and Reporting
11.00pm	Adjournment

Tuesday, 25 February 2025

Prime Minister & Cabinet Portfolio

9:00am	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.
9.30am	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Office for Women Workplace Gender Equality Agency
	Outcome 1: Promote and improve gender equality in Australian workplaces including through the provision of advice and assistance to employers and the assessment and measurement of workplace gender data.
10.30am	Australian Public Service CommissionThe APS Commissioner will not appear in the capacity of Parliamentary Service Commissioner in this session. Instead, questions can be asked at 10:15am, Monday, 24 February.Outcome 1: Increased awareness and adoption of best practice public administration by the public service through leadership, promotion, advice and professional development, drawing on research and evaluation.Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Australian Government Consulting
11.30am	Morning tea

Finance Portfolio

11.45am	Department of Finance
	Outcome 1: Support sustainable Australian Government finances through providing high quality policy advice and operational support to the government and Commonwealth entities to maintain effective and efficient use of public resources.
	Program 1.1 – Budget and Financial Management
	Outcome 2: Support an efficient and high-performing public sector through providing leadership to Commonwealth entities in ongoing improvements to public sector governance, including through systems, frameworks, policy, advice and service delivery.
	Program 2.1 – Public Sector Governance (excludes—Electoral Policy)
	Program 2.2 – Data Scheme
	Program 2.3 – Property and Construction
	Program 2.4 – Insurance and Risk Management
	Program 2.5 – Procurement
	Program 2.6 – Delivery of government technology services
	Program 2.7 – Service Delivery Office
	Program 2.8 – Public Sector Superannuation
	Program 2.9 – Australian Government Investment Funds

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	Program 2.10 – Nuclear Powered Submarine Program Advice
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Department of Finance (cont.)
	Outcomes 1 and 2 continued
3.45pm	Afternoon tea
4.00pm	Department of Finance (cont.)
	Outcomes 1 and 2 continued
6.00pm	Dinner break
7:00pm	Department of Finance (cont.)
	Outcomes 1 and 2 continued
8.15pm	ASC Pty Ltd
9.00pm	Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd
9.30pm	Tea break
9.45pm	Future Fund Management Agency Outcome 1: Strengthen the Commonwealth's financial position for the benefit of the Australian people, by managing the investment activities of the Future Fund and certain other Australian Government investment funds in line with their investment mandates Program 1.1 – Management of the Investment of the Future Fund Program 1.2 – Management of the Investment of the Australian Government Investment Funds To be examined concurrently with: Department of Finance Program 2.9 – Australian Government Investment Funds
10.30pm	Digital Transformation Agency
11.00pm	Adjournment

Friday, 28 February 2025

Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters 8.45am **Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters** National Indigenous Australians Agency Attorney-General's Department–Justice and Communities Group Department of Education-First Nations and Closing the Gap Department of Health and Aged Care-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Department of Social Services-Closing the Gap Taskforce 9.45am National Indigenous Australians Agency Outcome 1: Lead the development and implementation of the Australian Government's agenda to support the self-determination and aspirations of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities through working in partnership and effectively delivering programs. Program 1.1 – Jobs, Land and the Economy Program 1.2 – Children and Schooling Program 1.3 - Safety and Wellbeing Program 1.4 – Culture and Capability Program 1.5 - Remote Australia Strategies Program 1.6 - Evaluation and Research Program 1.7 – Program support 11.15am Morning tea break 11.30am Anindilyakwa Land Council **Central Land Council** Northern Land Council **Tiwi Land Council** 12.45pm Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations 1.05pm Lunch 2.05pm Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation Outcome 1: Enhanced socio-economic development, maintenance of cultural identity and protection of the environment by Indigenous Australians through the acquisition and management of land, water and water-related rights. 2.25pm Indigenous Business Australia Outcome 1: Improved wealth acquisition to support the economic independence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through commercial enterprise, asset acquisition, construction and access to concessional home and business loans. Program 1.1 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Participation and Wealth Creation

2.45pm	Outback Stores Pty Ltd
3.05pm	Aboriginal Hostels Limited Outcome 1: Improved access to education, employment, health and other services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people travelling or relocating through the operation of temporary hostel accommodation services.
3.25pm	Afternoon tea
3.40pm	Aboriginal Investment NT
4.00pm	Office of Township Leasing
4.20pm	Torres Strait Regional Authority Outcome 1: Progress towards Closing the Gap for Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people living in the Torres Strait Region through development planning, coordination, sustainable resource management and preservation and promotion of Indigenous culture
4.40pm	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Outcome 1: Further understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present through undertaking and publishing research and providing access to print and audio-visual collections.
5.oopm	Adjournment



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Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Monday, 24 February – Tuesday, 25 February 2025 Main Committee Room (MCR), Parliament House, Canberra

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Hearing location

Main Committee Room (MCR), Parliament House, Canberra Waiting rooms: Committee Room 1S2, MCR Waiting Room 1, MCR Waiting Room 2 Waiting overflow room: Committee Room 1S3



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Senator Nita Green, Chair Senator Paul Scarr, Deputy Chair Senator Varun Ghosh Senator Helen Polley Senator David Shoebridge Senator Alex Antic

Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister

Senator the Hon Murray Watt

Senator the Hon Don Farrell

Secretariat

Sophie Dunstone, Committee Secretary Senal Kiridena, Estimates Officer



Questions on notice

Written questions on notice should be provided to the secretariat by **6 March 2025.**

Answers to questions taken on notice are due to the committee by **24 March 2025.**

Home Affairs Portfolio

9.00am	National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)
10.15am	Morning tea
10.30am	National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) (cont'd)
10.45am	Department of Home Affairs (incl. Australian Border Force)
	Cross-portfolio, corporate and general matters
11.45am	Outcome 1: Deliver national coordination, regulation and policy that safeguard Australia's domestic interests from national security threats, including cyber threats. 1.1 Transport Security 1.2 National Security and Resilience 1.3 Cyber Security 1.4 Counter Terrorism 1.5 Regional Cooperation
12.30pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Outcome 1 (cont'd)
2.00pm	Outcome 2: Support a united and prosperous Australia through effective coordination and delivery of immigration and citizenship policy and programs underpinned by robust integrity and assurance. 2.1 Migration 2.2 Visas 2.3 Refugee Humanitarian, Settlement and Migrant Services 2.4 UMA Offshore Management 2.5 Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship
3.15pm	Afternoon tea
3.30pm	Outcome 2 (cont'd)
4.00pm	Outcome 3: Advance a prosperous and secure Australia through trade and travel facilitation and modernisation, and effective customs, immigration, maritime and enforcement activities across the border continuum. 3.1 Trade Facilitation and Industry Engagement 3.2 Border Management 3.3 Border-Revenue 3.4 Border Enforcement
	3.5 Onshore Compliance and Detention

Attorney-General's Portfolio

7.30pm	Outcome 3 (cont'd)
8.30pm	Federal Court of Australia (FCA)*
9.00pm	Tea break
9.15pm	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (FCFCoA)*
9.45pm	National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC)
10.15pm	Office of the Special Investigator (OSI)
10.30pm	Adjournment

Attorney-General's Portfolio

9.00am	Attorney-General's Department
	Cross-portfolio, corporate and general matters
10.00am	Morning tea
10.15am	Justice and Communities Group - Encompassing: First Nations and Justice Policy Division (First Nations Justice Branch, Native Title and Priority Reforms Branch, Legal Assistance, Justice Agreement Taskforce); Courts and Commercial Division (Federal Courts Branch, Commercial and Copyright Law Branch, Commercial Unit); and Children and Families Division (Family Law Branch, Family and Community Safety Branch, National Office for Child Safety).
11.15am	National Security and Criminal Justice Group – Encompassing: International and Security Cooperation Division (International Cooperation Unit, Pacific Branch, Identity and Biometrics Policy); Criminal Justice Division (Criminal Law Policy Branch, Transnational Crime Branch, High Tech Crime Branch); and Security and Counter-Terrorism Division (Security Law and Policy Branch, High Risk Terrorist Offenders Branch, National Security Information Branch).
12.30pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Integrity and International Group – Encompassing: Integrity Frameworks Division (Fraud Prevention and Anti-Corruption Branch, Information Law Branch, Privacy Reform Taskforce, Transparency Frameworks Branch); International Law and Human Rights Division (General Counsel, Office of International Law, Human Rights Branch); and Legal Services and Modern Slavery Division (Office Of Constitutional Law, Administrative Law Branch, Office of Legal Services Coordination, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking).
2.15pm	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO)
3.10pm	Afternoon tea
3.25pm	Australian Federal Police (AFP)
5.25pm	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC)*
5.45pm	Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC)* Mr Hugh de Kretser, President Ms Katie Kiss, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mr Robert Fitzgerald AM, Age Discrimination Commissioner Ms Anne Hollonds, Children's Commissioner Ms Rosemary Kayess, Disability Discrimination Commissioner Ms Lorraine Finlay, Human Rights Commissioner Mr Giridharan Sivaraman, Race Discrimination Commissioner Dr Anna Cody, Sex Discrimination Commissioner Ms Leanne Smith, Chief Executive

6.45pm	Dinner
7.30pm	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman
	National Student Ombudsman
8.00pm	Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC)*
8.30pm	Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)*
9.00pm	Tea break
9.15pm	Administrative Review Tribunal (ART)*
9.45pm	Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP)*
10.00pm	Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission*
10.30pm	Adjournment



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Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Monday 24 February and Tuesday 25 February **Committee Room 2R1**, Parliament House, Canberra

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Ministers attending

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Secretariat

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Questions on notice

Provision of written questions by: 4 March 2025 Return of answers by: 24 March 2025

Monday, 24 February 2025

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

9.00am	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Corporate Matters
9.45am	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Outcome 1: Improved infrastructure across Australia through investment in and coordination of transport and other infrastructure Program 1.1 - Infrastructure Investment
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	Outcome 1 continued.
12.30pm	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Outcome 2: An efficient, sustainable, competitive, safe and secure transport system for all transport users through regulation, financial assistance and safety investigations Program 2.1 - Surface Transport Program 2.2 - Road Safety Program 2.3 - Air Transport
1.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm	Outcome 2 continued.
3.15pm	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Outcome 3: Strengthening the sustainability, capacity and diversity of Australia's cities and regions including northern Australia, through facilitating local partnerships between all levels of government and local communities; through investment in infrastructure and measures that stimulate economic growth; and providing grants and financial assistance Program 3.3 - Cities Program 3.2 - Local Government Program 3.4 - Growing a Stronger Northern Australian Economy
4.00pm	Afternoon tea

4.15pm	Outcome 3 continued.
5.30pm	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Outcome 4: Good governance and service delivery in the Australian territories including through the maintenance and improvement of the laws and services for non-self- governing territories, and the overarching legislative framework for the self-governing territories Program 4.1 - Services to Territories
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	Airservices Australia
8.00pm	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
8.30pm	Infrastructure Australia
8.50pm	Australian Rail Track Corporation & Inland Rail
9.15pm	Evening tea
9.30pm	High Speed Rail Authority
9.45pm	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility
10.15pm	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
10.25pm	Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator
10.35pm	National Intermodal Corporation
10.45pm	Western Sydney Airport Corporation
11.00pm	Adjournment

Tuesday, 25 February 2025

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

9.00am	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Corporate matters
10.00am	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Outcome 1: More sustainable, productive, internationally competitive and profitable Australian agricultural, food and fibre industries through policies and initiatives that promote better resource management practices, innovation, self-reliance and improved access to international markets
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	Outcome 1 continued
1.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (continued)
	Outcome 2: Safeguard Australia's animal and plant health status to maintain overseas markets and protect the economy and environment from the impact of exotic pests and diseases, through risk assessment, inspection and certification, and the implementation of emergency response arrangements for Australian agricultural, food and fibre industries
4.00pm	Afternoon tea
4.15pm	Outcome 2 continued
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority
8.15pm	Inspector-General of Animal Welfare and Live Animal Exports
8.30pm	Australian Livestock Export Corporation (LiveCorp)
9.00pm	Meat and Livestock Australia

9.15pm	Evening tea
9.30pm	Regional Investment Corporation
10.00pm	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (AgriFutures)
10.15pm	Australian Fisheries Management Authority
10.30pm	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
10.45pm	Inspector-General of Biosecurity
11.00pm	Adjournment



HEARING PROGRAM

Budget Additional Estimates 2024–25 Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Wednesday, 26 February – Thursday, 27 February 2025 **Committee Room 2S1**, Parliament House, Canberra

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Committee members

Senator Marielle Smith, Chair Senator Penny Allman-Payne, Deputy Chair Senator Hollie Hughes Senator Maria Kovacic Senator Louise Pratt Senator Anne Urquhart

Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Don Farrell Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy

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Due dates for questions on notice (QoNs)

Thursday, 6 March 2025: Senators' written QoNs Monday, 24 March 2025: answers to QoNs

Wednesday, 26 February

Health and Aged Care Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Health and Aged Care Whole of Portfolio / Corporate Matters
10.15am	Outcome 2: Individual Health Benefits Program 2.1: Medical Benefits Program 2.2: Hearing Services Program 2.3: Pharmaceutical Benefits Program 2.4: Private Health Insurance Program 2.5: Dental Services Program 2.6: Health Benefit Compliance Program 2.7: Assistance through Aids and Appliances Professional Services Review Australian Digital Health Agency
11.15am	Morning Break
11.30am	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and SupportProgram 1.1: Health Research, Coordination and AccessProgram 1.2: Mental Health (including the National Mental Health Commission)Program 1.4: Health WorkforceProgram 1.5: Preventative Health and Chronic Disease SupportProgram 1.6: Primary Health Care Quality and CoordinationProgram 1.7: Primary Care Practice Incentives and Medical IndemnityAustralian Health Practitioner Regulation AgencyAustralian Institute of Health and WelfareNational Health and Medical Research CouncilNational Rural Health Commissioner
1.00pm	Lunch Break
2.00pm	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
3.30pm	Outcome 3: Ageing and Aged Care Program 3.1: Access and Information Program 3.2: Aged Care Services Program 3.3: Aged Care Quality Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority Inspector-General of Aged Care
4.00pm	Afternoon Break

4.15pm	Outcome 3: Ageing and Aged Care All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
6.15pm	Dinner Break
7.15pm	Outcome 4: Sport and Physical Activity Program 4.1: Sport and Physical Activity Australian Sports Commission
7.45pm	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (including the TGA and ATAGI) Program 1.8: Health Protection, Emergency Response and Regulation Program 1.9: Immunisation National Blood Authority Office of the Gene Technology Regulator Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme
9.15pm	Evening Break
9.30pm	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
11.00pm	Adjournment

Thursday, 27 February

Social Services Portfolio

9.00am	National Disability Insurance Agency NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission
11.00am	Morning Break
11.15am	National Disability Insurance Agency (continued) NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (continued)
12.15pm	Department of Social Services Outcome 3: Disability and Carers Program 3.1: Disability and Carers Program 3.2: National Disability Insurance Scheme
1.15pm	Lunch Break

2.15pm	Outcome 4: Housing
	Program 4.1: Housing and Homelessness
	Program 4.2: Affordable Housing
3.00pm	Outcome 1: Social Security
	Program 1.1: Support for Families
	Program 1.2: Paid Parental Leave
	Program 1.3: Support for Seniors Program 1.4: Financial Support for People with Disability
	Program 1.5: Financial Support for Carers
	Program 1.6: Working Age Payments
	Program 1.7: Student Payments
	Cross Program – Rent Assistance
4.15pm	Afternoon Break
4.30pm	Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters
5.30pm	Outcome 2: Families and Communities
	Program 2.1: Families and Communities
	Australian Institute of Family Studies
	Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission
6.00pm	Dinner Break
7.00pm	Outcome 2: Families and Communities (continued)
	All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
8.00pm	Services Australia
	Whole of Portfolio / Corporate Matters
9.15pm	Evening Break
9.30pm	Somiaas Austrolia (continued)
3.20hu	Services Australia (continued)
	Outcome 1: Deliver high-quality, accessible services and payments to individuals, families, businesses and partner agencies on behalf of Government; with a focus on contemporary service delivery and customer experience
	Program 1.1: Strategy and Corporate Enabling
	Program 1.2: Customer Service Delivery
	Program 1.3: Technology and Transformation
11.00pm	Adjournment



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Additional Budget Estimates 2024–25 Economics Legislation Committee

Wednesday, 26 February and Thursday, 27 February 2025 **Committee Room 2R1**, Parliament House, Canberra

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Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, representing the Treasurer Senator the Hon Tim Ayres, representing the Treasurer, representing the Minister for Industry and Science, and representing the Minister for Resources

Secretariat

Dr Sean Turner, Committee Secretary

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Questions on Notice

Written questions on notice due:

4 March 2025

Answers to Questions on Notice due:

24 March 2025

Wednesday, 26 February 2025

Treasury Portfolio

9.00am (120 mins) 11.00am	Department of the Treasury Including Dr Steven Kennedy PSM (until 11am) Macroeconomic Group International and Foreign Investment Group Break (10) Department of the Treasury
(60 mins)	Macroeconomic Group (Cont.) International and Foreign Investment Group (Cont.)
12.10pm (120 mins)	Department of the Treasury Small Business, Housing, Corporate and Law Group
2.10pm	Lunch (45)
2.55pm (35mins)	Department of the Treasury
	Fiscal Group
3.30pm (60mins)	Department of the Treasury Markets Group
4.30pm (45 mins)	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
5.15pm	Break (10)
5.25pm (45 mins)	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
6.10pm	Dinner (45)
6.55pm (80 mins)	Department of the Treasury Revenue Group Australian Taxation Office Tax Practitioners Board Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission

8.15pm	Break (10)
8.25pm (60 mins)	Housing Australia
9.25pm (20 mins)	Australian Bureau of Statistics
9.45pm (15 mins)	Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman
10.00pm	Adjournment

Thursday, 27 February 2025

Treasury Portfolio

9.00am (90 mins)	Reserve Bank of Australia
10.30am	Break (10)
10.40am (45 mins)	Australian Securities and Investments Commission
11.25am (15 mins)	Productivity Commission

Industry, Science and Resources Portfolio

11.40am (30 mins)	Department of Industry, Science and Resources Corporate, Enabling and Business Services
12.10pm	Lunch (45)
12.55pm (105 mins)	Department of Industry, Science and Resources Outcome 1: Support economic growth, productivity and job creation for all Australians by investing in science and technology, growing innovative and competitive businesses, industries and regions, and supporting resources sector.
	Program 1.1: Growing innovative and competitive businesses, industries and regions Manufacturing and National Reconstruction Fund Anti-Dumping Commission Australian Building Codes Board
2.40pm (30 mins)	National Reconstruction Fund Corporation
3.10pm	Break (10)
3.20pm (75 mins)	Department of Industry, Science and Resources Outcome 1: (Continued) Program 1.2: Investing in science, technology and commercialisation
	The Chief Scientist Office of Industry Innovation and Science Australia
4.35pm (75 mins)	Department of Industry, Science and Resources Outcome 1: (Continued) Program 1.3: Supporting a strong resources sector Topics and entities Minerals and Resources Oil and Gas
5.50pm	Dinner (45)

6.35pm (75 mins)	Department of Industry, Science and Resources Outcome 1: (Continued) Program 1.3: (Cont.) Topics and entities Radioactive Waste Management Maralinga Maintenance and Site Remediation National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator Australian Radioactive Waste Agency Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation
7 .50pm (45 mins)	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
8.35pm	Break (10)
8.45pm (45 mins)	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority
9.30pm (30 mins)	Geoscience Australia
10.00pm	Adjournment



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Additional Estimates 2024–25

Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Wednesday 26 February – Thursday 27 February 2025 **Committee Room 2S3**, Parliament House, Canberra

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Hearing location Committee Room 2s3 Parliament House, Canberra Waiting room: Committee Room 2S2



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Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Murray Watt Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm

Secretariat

Gerry McInally, Committee Secretary Aisha Bottrill, Estimates Officer

Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Cross-portfolio, Corporate and Enabling Services, and general matters
10.00am	Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
11.00am	Morning tea
11.10am	Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations (continued) 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
12.40pm	Lunch
1.25pm	Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations (continued) 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
1.55pm	Outcome 1 – Employment 1.1: Employment Services
3.25pm	Afternoon tea
3.35pm	Outcome 1 – Employment (continued) 1.1: Employment Services
4.05pm	Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman
4.50pm	Fair Work Commission
5.35pm	Comcare
6.05pm	Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation
6.30pm	Dinner break
7.15pm	Outcome 2: Skills and Training (including Jobs and Skills Australia) 2.1: Building Skills and Capacity 2.2: VET Student Loans 2.3: DEWR – Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program
8.15pm	Tea break
8.25pm	Outcome 2: Skills and Training (including Jobs and Skills Australia) (continued)
9.00pm	Australian Skills Quality Authority
9.30pm	National Centre for Vocational Education Research
10.00pm	Adjournment

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Education Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Education
	Corporate and Enabling Services
10.00am	Outcome 1: Schools
	1.3: Government Schools National Support
	1.4: Non-Government Schools National Support
	1.5: Early Learning and Schools Support
10.30am	Morning tea
10.40am	Outcome 1: Schools (continued)
12.10pm	Lunch
12.55pm	Australian Education Research Organisation
1.25pm	Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited
1.55pm	Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
2.25pm	Outcome 1: Early Childhood and Youth
	1.1: Support for the Childcare System 1.2: Child Care Subsidy
3.25pm	Afternoon tea
3.35pm	Outcome 1: Early Childhood and Youth (continued)
4.35pm	Outcome 2: Higher Education, Research and International
	2.1 : Commonwealth Grant Scheme
	2.2 : Higher Education Superannuation Scheme
	2.3 : Higher Education Support
	2.4 : Higher Education Loan Program
	2.5 : Investment in Higher Education Research
	2.6 : Research Capacity 2.7 : International Education Support
	2.7 : International Education Support 2.8: Nuclear Powered Submarine Program
6:35pm	Dinner
7.20pm	Outcome 2: Higher Education, Research and International (continued)
7.50pm	Australian National University
8.50pm	Tea break
9.00pm	Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency
9.30pm	Australian Research Council
10.00pm	Adjournment



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Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Wednesday, 26 February 2025 – Thursday, 27 February 2025 **Main Committee Room**, Parliament House, Canberra

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Hearing location

Main Committee Room Parliament House, Canberra Waiting room: Waiting Room 1S2 Waiting overflow room: Committee Room 1S3



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Ministers attending

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Secretariat

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Answers to questions taken on notice are due to the committee by **Monday**, **24 March 2025**.

Wednesday, 26 February 2025

Defence Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Defence
	Outcome 1: Defend Australia and its national interests through the conduct of
	operations and provision of support for the Australian community and civilian
	authorities in accordance with Government direction.
	Program 1.1: Operations Contributing to the Safety of the Immediate Neighbourhood
	Program 1.2: Operations Supporting Wider Interests
	Program 1.3: Defence Contribution to National Support Tasks in Australia
	Outcome 2: Protect and advance Australia's strategic interests through the provision of strategic policy, the development, delivery and sustainment of military, intelligence and enabling capabilities, and
	the promotion of regional and global security and stability as directed by
	Government.
	Program 2.1: Strategy, Policy and Industry
	Program 2.2: Defence Executive Support
	Program 2.3: Defence Finance
	Program 2.4: Joint Capabilities
	Program 2.5: Navy Capabilities
	Program 2.6: Army Capabilities
	Program 2.7: Air Force Capabilities
	Program 2.8: Australian Defence Force Headquarters
	Program 2.9: Capability Acquisition and Sustainment (including Guided Weapons and
	Explosive Ordnance Group)
	Program 2.10: Security and Estate
	Program 2.11: Defence Digital
	Program 2.12: Defence People (including Chief of Personnel)
	Program 2.13: Defence Science and Technology
	Program 2.14: Defence Intelligence
	Program 2.15: Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment
	Program 2.16: Nuclear-Powered Submarines
	Program 2.19: Defence Trusts and Joint Accounts
	Program 2.20: Defence Force Superannuation Benefits
	Program 2.21: Defence Force Superannuation Nominal Interest
	Program 2.22: Housing Assistance
	Program 2.23: Other Administered
11.00am	Morning tea
11.10am	Department of Defence (continued)
1.00pm	Lunch

1.45pm	Department of Defence (continued)
3.00pm	Australian Submarine Agency
	Outcome 1: Safely and securely acquire, construct, deliver, technically govern, sustain and dispose of Australia's conventionally-armed nuclear-powered submarine capability, via the AUKUS partnership.
	Program 1.1: Nuclear-Powered Submarines
4.00pm	Afternoon tea
4.10pm	Australian Submarine Agency (continued)
5.00pm	Australian Signals Directorate
	Outcome 1: Defend Australia from global threats and advance our national interests through the provision of foreign signals intelligence, cyber security offensive cyber operations, as directed by Government.
	Program 1.1: Foreign Signals Intelligence, Cyber Security and Offensive Cyber Operations
5.30pm	Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force
6.00pm	Defence Housing Australia Outcome 1: To contribute to Defence outcomes by providing total housing services
	that meet Defence Operational and client needs through a strong customer and business focus.
	Program 1.1: The provision of Defence housing and housing related services
6.30pm	Dinner break
7.15pm	Department of Veterans' Affairs
	Outcome 1: Maintain and enhance the financial wellbeing and self-sufficiency of eligible persons and their dependents through access to income support, compensation, and other support services, including advice and information about entitlements.
	Program 1.1: Veterans' Income Support and Allowances
	Program 1.2: Veterans' Disability Support
	Program 1.3: Assistance to Defence Widow/ers and Dependents
	Program 1.4: Assistance and Other Compensation for Veterans and Dependents Program 1.5: Veterans' Children Education Scheme
	Program 1.6: Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts Payments - Income Support and
	Compensation
	Program 1.7: Adjustment to the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts Liability Provision – Income Support and Compensation
	Outcome 2: Maintain and enhance the physical and mental wellbeing and quality of life of eligible persons and their dependents through health and other care services that promote early intervention, prevention and treatment, including advice and other information about health service entitlements. Program 2.1: General Medical Consultations and Services

	Program 1.1: To maintain and develop the National Memorial and a National Collection of historical material and through commemorative ceremonies, exhibitions, research, interpretation and dissemination
	Outcome 1: Australians remembering, interpreting and understanding the Australian experience of war and its enduring impact through maintaining and developing the National Memorial, its collection and exhibition of historical material, commemorative ceremonies and research.
9.30pm	Australian War Memorial
	Program 3.2: Commemorative Activities
	Outcome 3: Acknowledgement and commemoration of those who served Australia and its allies in wars, conflicts and peace operations through promoting recognition of service and sacrifice, preservation of Australia's wartime heritage, and official commemorations. Program 3.1: War Graves
	 Program 2.2: Veterans' Hospital Services Program 2.3: Veterans' Pharmaceutical Benefits Program 2.4: Veterans' Community Care and Support Program 2.5: Veterans' Counselling and Other Health Services Program 2.6: Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts - Health and Other Care Services Program 2.7: Adjustment to the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts Liability Provision – Health and Other Care Services

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Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs)
	Outcome 1: The advancement of Australia's international strategic, security and economic interests including through bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement on Australian Government foreign, trade and international development policy priorities.
	Program 1.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Operations
	Program 1.2: Official Development Assistance
	Program 1.3: Official Development Assistance - Multilateral Replenishments
	Program 1.4: Payments to International Organisations
	Program 1.5: New Columbo Plan - Transforming Regional Relationships
	Program 1.6: Public Information Services and Public Diplomacy
	Program 1.7: Programs to Promote Australia's International Tourism Interests
	Program 1.8: Nuclear Powered Submarine Program
	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 in Australia and overseas.
	Program 2.1: Consular Services
	Program 2.2: 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 property estate.
	Program 3.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Security and IT
	Program 3.2: Overseas Property

11.00am	Morning tea
11.10am	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs) (continued)
1.00pm	Lunch
1.45pm	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs) (continued)
4.30pm	Afternoon tea
4.40pm	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs) (continued)
5.45pm	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)
	Outcome 1: To achieve more productive and sustainable agricultural systems for the benefit of developing countries and Australia through international agricultural research and training partnerships. Program 1.1: International agricultural research-for-development for more productive and sustainable agriculture
6.00pm	Dinner break
6.45pm	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (trade programs)
8:30pm	Export Finance Australia
9.00pm	Australian Trade and Investment Commission Outcome 1: To contribute to Australia's economic prosperity by supporting Australian exporters to expand internationally, attracting productive international investment, and growing the visitor economy.
	Program 1.1: Supporting Australian exporters to expand internationally, attracting productive international investment, and growing the visitor economy Program 1.2: Programs to support Australian exporters to expand internationally, attract
	 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 and Passport Services
9.30pm	Tourism Australia
	Outcome 1: Grow demand and foster a competitive and sustainable Australian tourism industry through partnership marketing to targeted global consumers in key markets.
	Program 1.1: Supporting Outcome 1

10.00pm	Adjournment