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# Membership of the Committee

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Senator Jenny McAllister (Deputy Chair)	ALP, NSW
Senator David Fawcett (until 22.03.18)	LP, SA
Senator Kimberley Kitching	ALP, VIC
Senator Dean Smith	LP, WA
Senator Amanda Stoker (from 22.03.18)	LP, QLD
Senator Lee Rhiannon	AG, NSW

## Senators in attendance

Senators Paterson (Chair), McAllister (Deputy Chair), Fawcett, Kitching, Smith, Rhiannon, Abetz, Bartlett, Bushby, Collins, Di Natale, Dodson, Farrell, Gallacher, Hanson, Keneally, Ketter, Leyonhjelm, Lines, Macdonald, McCarthy, Moore, Patrick, Rice, Siewert, Steele-John, Watt, Wong.



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# Chapter 1

## Additional Estimates 2017–18

### Reference

1.1 On 8 February 2018 the Senate referred the following to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (the committee) for examination and report:

- Particulars of proposed additional expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2018 [Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2017–2018];
- Particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2018 [Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2017–2018]; and
- Final Budget Outcome 2016–17.<sup>1</sup>

### Portfolio coverage

1.2 The committee has responsibility for examining the expenditure and outcomes of the following:

- Parliament;<sup>2</sup>
- Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) Portfolio;
- Finance Portfolio;<sup>3</sup> and
- Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters.<sup>4</sup>

### Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2017–18

1.3 The Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES) facilitate an understanding of the proposed appropriations in Appropriation Bills (No. 3 and No. 4). The focus of the PAES is on explaining the changes in resourcing since the Budget by providing information on new measures and their impact on the financial and non-financial planned performance of agencies.<sup>5</sup> The PAES 2017–18 for the PM&C Portfolio and the Finance Portfolio were tabled in the Senate on 8 February 2018.<sup>6</sup>

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1 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 83, 8 February 2018, p. 2647.

2 As a matter of comity between the Houses neither House inquires into the operations of the other House. For this reason, neither the annual report of, nor the proposed expenditure for, the Department of the House of Representatives is referred to a Senate committee for review.

3 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 2, 31 August 2016, pp. 75–76.

4 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 22, 26 August 2008, p. 683; and *Journals of the Senate*, No. 70, 15 November 2017, p. 2227.

5 Budget 2017–18, *Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements*, available at: <http://www.budget.gov.au/2017-18/content/paes/html/> (accessed 9 March 2018).

6 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 83, 8 February 2018, p. 2647.

### ***Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio***

1.4 The PAES 2017–18 for the PM&C Portfolio noted the following entities received additional appropriations in Appropriation Bills (No. 3 and 4): the Office of National Assessments; the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security; and the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General.<sup>7</sup>

1.5 In addition to changes set out in the PAES, other changes in resourcing since the 2017–18 Budget resulted from changes to the Administrative Arrangements Orders (AAO) or Machinery of Government changes.

1.6 Amendments to the AAO on 30 November 2017 transferred responsibilities for Official Establishments, ownership and property management of the Prime Minister's official residences from the Department of Finance to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPM&C).<sup>8</sup>

1.7 Amendments to the AAO on 20 December 2017, resulted in the following changes for the PM&C Portfolio:

- Counter Terrorism Policy Co-ordination and Cyber Policy Co-ordination transferred from the DPM&C to the Department of Home Affairs;
- National Policy on Cities, Infrastructure and Project Financing and Population Policy transferred from the DPM&C to the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities;
- Reducing the Burden of Government Regulation transferred from the DPM&C to the Department of Jobs and Small Business.<sup>9</sup>

### ***Finance Portfolio***

1.8 The PAES 2017–18 for the Finance Portfolio noted the additional appropriations sought by the Department of Finance, the Australian Electoral Commission and the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.<sup>10</sup>

1.9 The PAES also outlines changes to ministerial and portfolio responsibilities following the Prime Minister's announcement of changes to the Ministry on 19 December 2017, with Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann undertaking the

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7 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2017–18, *Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio*, p. 9.

8 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2017–18, *Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio*, p. 9. Administrative Arrangements Order, Amendment made 30 November 2017, Part 15, available at: <https://www.pmc.gov.au/resource-centre/government/administrative-arrangements-order-%E2%80%93-amendment-made-30-november-2017> (accessed 9 March 2018).

9 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2017–18, *Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio*, p. 9. Administrative Arrangements Order, Amendment made 20 December 2017, Part 15, available at: <https://www.pmc.gov.au/resource-centre/government/aa-amendment-made-20-dec-2017> (accessed 9 March 2018).

10 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2017–18, *Finance Portfolio*, pp. 3–5.



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additional role of Special Minister of State and the Hon David Coleman MP being appointed Assistant Minister for Finance.<sup>11</sup>

## Hearings

1.10 The committee held public hearings on 26 and 27 February and 2 March 2018. The parliamentary departments were examined on 26 February, the PM&C Portfolio (excluding Indigenous matters) was examined on 26 and 27 February, the Finance Portfolio was examined on 27 February, and the Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters hearing was held on 2 March 2018.

1.11 The committee took evidence from the President of the Senate, Senator the Hon Scott Ryan, and the following Ministers accompanied by officers of relevant departments and agencies:

- Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash, Minister representing the Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Public Service, and Minister representing the Minister for Women;
- Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister representing the Prime Minister, Minister for Finance and the Special Minister of State;
- Senator the Hon James McGrath, Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister; and
- Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

1.12 The committee expresses its appreciation for the assistance of the President, Ministers and the officers who appeared.

1.13 Over the course of the hearings, the committee took evidence from the following departments, agencies and statutory officers:

### *Parliament Portfolio*

- Department of the Senate
- Parliamentary Budget Office
- Department of Parliamentary Services

### *Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio*

- Australian Public Service Commission
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (including the Office for Women and excluding Outcome 2–Indigenous)
- Digital Transformation Agency
- Australian National Audit Office
- Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

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11 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2017–18, *Finance Portfolio*, pp. 3–4.

*Finance Portfolio*

- ASC Pty Ltd
- Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd
- Department of Finance
- Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
- Australian Electoral Commission
- Future Fund Management Agency

*Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters*

- Indigenous Land Corporation
- Indigenous Business Australia
- Aboriginal Hostels Limited
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Outcome 2– Indigenous)
- Department of Health (in relation to Indigenous health issues)

**Questions on notice and Hansard transcripts**

1.14 The committee set 16 April 2018 as the date for the return of answers to questions on notice arising from the Additional Estimates 2017–18 hearings. Responses to questions on notice once received, together with the Hansard transcripts of proceedings of hearings, are published on the committee's website at:

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/fpa/2017-18\\_Additional\\_estimates](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fpa/2017-18_Additional_estimates)

**Answers to questions on notice—Supplementary Budget Estimates 2017–18**

1.15 The committee's examination of the Supplementary Budget Estimates 2017–18 took place on the 23 October 2017 for Parliament and the PM&C Portfolio, 24 October 2017 for the Finance Portfolio and 27 October 2017 for the Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters. The committee set 8 December 2017 as the date for the return of answers to questions on notice.

1.16 The committee held additional hearings for the PM&C Portfolio on 15 November 2017 and 7 December 2017. The committee set 20 December 2017, as the date for the return of answers to questions on notice for the hearing on the 15 November 2017. The committee set 18 January 2018, as the date for the return of answers to questions on notice for the hearing held on the 7 December 2017.

***Timeliness of answers to questions on notice***

1.17 The committee had a total of 373 questions taken on notice (encompassing questions taken during the hearings and written questions on notice) with a total of 206 answers being received by the due date.

1.18 The Parliamentary departments and the Finance Portfolio provided all answers to questions on notice from hearings on 23 and 24 October 2017 by the due date of 8 December 2017.

1.19 The PM&C Portfolio (including Cross Portfolio) provided 25 of its 138 answers to questions on notice from its hearings on 23 October 2017 and 27 October 2017 by the due date of 8 December 2017. The remaining 113 answers to questions on notice were provided in late December 2017 and through January and February 2018. From the Cross Portfolio hearing on 27 October 2017, the Department of Health provided 8 of its 21 answers to questions on notice by the due date of 8 December 2017 with the remaining 12 questions provided in January and February 2018.

1.20 From the spill over hearing on 15 November 2017 a total of 34 questions were taken on notice with all answers being received after the due date of 20 December 2017. For the hearing on 7 December 2017, 1 question was taken on notice which was provided before the due date of 18 January 2018.

***Refusals to provide information in response to questions on notice***

1.21 During the Additional Estimates 2017–18 hearings the committee sought explanations from the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) and the Department of Finance in relation to answers provided in the previous round (Supplementary Budget Estimates 2017–18). The answers provided to the committee both stated that the information requested would not be provided and a claim of public interest immunity was not made.

*Answer from the Australian Public Service Commission*

1.22 In response to a question on notice seeking phone records of contact between the Australian Public Service Commissioner, the Hon John Lloyd, and members of the Institute of Public Affairs, the answer provided by the APSC stated the information requested would require an unreasonable diversion of resources.<sup>12</sup> In addition, the APSC noted providing the information would be a breach of the Commissioner's privacy and of the people he had phone contact with.<sup>13</sup>

1.23 The committee members questioned the APSC as to how the conclusion was reached that providing the information would be an unreasonable diversion of resources. The committee notes that an 'unreasonable diversion of resources' can be a practical refusal reason for Freedom of Information (FOI) request. At the hearing the Deputy Chair asked about the differences in APSC's processes for responding to an FOI request and responding to a question on notice. The Deputy Chair noted that the principles of FOI operate differently than the obligations to provide information to Senate committees. At the hearing, the Commissioner, again took on notice a question about providing the information to the committee.

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12 Australian Public Service Commission, Question on Notice 30, *Contact with IPA and the HR Nicholls Society*, Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio, Supplementary Estimates 2017–18, available at: [https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates).

13 The Hon John Lloyd, Australian Public Service Commissioner, Australian Public Service Commission, *Committee Hansard*, 26 February 2018, p. 28.

*Answer from the Department of Finance*

1.24 At the Supplementary Budget Estimates 2017–18 hearing, the Department of Finance (Finance) took on notice a question about members of Parliament who had used a Victorian printing company.<sup>14</sup> In its response Finance cited obligations under the *Privacy Act 1988* as a reason for not providing the information.<sup>15</sup> Finance also noted in its answer that the information sought may be disclosed under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).<sup>16</sup> The Chair noted that a public interest immunity claim had not been made in respect of the information.<sup>17</sup> The Chair asked the Minister and officers of Finance about the department's views that the Privacy Act prevented it from complying with obligations pursuant to the estimates process and if there was a greater disclosure obligation under the FOI Act.

1.25 The Chair tabled advice from the Clerk of the Senate, on whether the grounds put forward by Finance were reasonable for withholding information from committees.<sup>18</sup> The Minister undertook to review the answer provided to see if a claim of public interest immunity should be made, or whether further information could be provided.

**Note on references**

1.26 References in this report to the estimates Hansard are to the proof Hansard; page numbers may vary between the proof and the official Hansard transcript.

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- 14 Department of Finance, Question on Notice 36, *FM Printing*, Finance Portfolio, Supplementary Estimates 2017–18, available at: [https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates).
- 15 Senator James Paterson, Chair, Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee, *Committee Hansard*, 27 February 2018, p. 90.
- 16 Senator James Paterson, Chair, Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee, *Committee Hansard*, 27 February 2018, p. 90.
- 17 Senator James Paterson, Chair, Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee, *Committee Hansard*, 27 February 2018, p. 91.
- 18 Senator James Paterson, Chair, Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee, *Committee Hansard*, 27 February 2018, pp. 91–92.

# Chapter 2

## Issues

2.1 This chapter lists the key issues raised for each department, agency and government business enterprise examined during the committee's hearings on the Additional Estimates 2017–18. Page numbers to the proof Hansard are indicated in brackets.

### **Parliament Portfolio, 26 February 2018**

#### *Department of the Senate*

- Recent work on a Parliament House suite to improve accessibility (p. 3)
- Work of the department to improve accessibility to Senate business documents (pp. 4–5)

#### *Parliamentary Budget Office*

- Discussion of Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) publication: *Disability Support Pension—Historical and projected trends* and PBO Information Paper: *PBO costing process, timeframes and prioritisation framework* in relation to expenditure forecasts (pp. 5–9)
- Discussion of the PBO's *Post-election report 2016* and the incorporation of proposed company tax cuts into the PBO's medium-term forecast projections (pp. 9–11)

#### *Department of Parliamentary Services*

- Issues with the operation of bollards at Australian Parliament House (APH) and damage to COMCARs and other vehicles as a result (pp. 12–16)
- Assessment of department's paper procurement (pp. 16–17)
- Overview and timelines of APH security and building works projects (pp. 17–19)
- Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS) payroll operating system and recommendations of KPMG audit report (pp. 20–22)
- Investigation of a 'powder-out-of-place' incident by DPS (pp. 22–24)
- Plans to improve mobile phone reception in APH (pp. 24–25)

### **Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio, 26 and 27 February 2018**

#### *Australian Public Service Commission*

- Review of response to prior questions on notice 30 and 31, Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio from Supplementary Estimates 2017–18 regarding seeking information about the Australian Public Service Commissioner's phone contact with members of the Institute of Public Affairs (pp. 28–36)

- Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) bargaining policy 2018 and application of the enterprise agreement (pp. 36–39)

### ***Office for Women***

- Process for handling claims of sexual harassment in the workplace (pp. 39–41)
- Proposal by Women with Disabilities Australia on a collaboration between the National Women's Alliances' and the disability sector (pp. 41–42)
- Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between APSC and the Office for Women in relation to proposed projects (pp. 42–43)
- Clarification of payments made under the Women's Leadership and Development Strategy Grants (pp. 44–45)

### ***Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet***

- Changes in executive staffing in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DMP&C) (p. 45, 130–131)
- Application and enforcement of the Statement of Ministerial Standards and staffing allocation decisions (pp. 46–48, 83)
- Application of the Statement of Ministerial Standards to the former Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP (pp. 46–49, 54–55)
- Audit by the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority of former Deputy Prime Minister's travel and related expenses (pp. 59–60)
- Scope and content of the Coalition Agreement (pp. 48–51)
- Advice sought by the Prime Minister, Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, from Dr Martin Parkinson, Secretary, DPM&C regarding compliance of the Statement of Ministerial Standards by the former Deputy Prime Minister (pp. 51–52)
- Extent of the Prime Minister's and the Prime Minister's Office's knowledge of the relationship between the former Deputy Prime Minister and previous staffer (p. 56; pp. 61–66)
- Advice to the Prime Minister and the DPM&C in relation to meetings between the High Commissioner to the UK and a foreign policy advisor to the Trump Campaign (p. 59)
- Ministerial staffing arrangements and the operation of the Government Staffing Committee (pp. 67–73, 77–80)
- Proposals for Australia to legislate for a living wage (pp. 74–76)
- Discussion on the responsibility for, and implementation of, Statement of Standards for Ministerial Staff (pp. 84–85)
- Disclosure of land interests by the Minister for Small and Family Business (pp. 85–86; p. 88)
- Discussion of the inquiry conducted by Dr Martin Parkinson into the conduct of the Australian Border Force Commissioner (pp. 86–88)

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- Investigation into the disclosure of classified cabinet documents and subsequent publication of those documents by the ABC (pp. 89–90)
  - Discrepancies of transcript records of the White House and the Prime Minister's Office in relation to the meeting between the Prime Minister and the President of the United States (pp. 90–91)
  - Changes to the Ministry list since September 2015 (p. 91)
  - DPM&C's role in relation to the Open Government National Action Plan (pp. 101–103)
  - Discussion of Religious Freedom Review including the consultation and submission processes, and the selection of the expert panel (pp. 104–111)
  - Remuneration arrangements for the Hon Phillip Ruddock, Chair of the Religious Freedom Review (pp. 111–118)
  - Per-and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) Contamination Taskforce and roll out of national response to affected landholders (pp. 118–121)
  - Update on the internet arrangements at the Prime Minister's residences (pp. 124–125)
  - Potential conflict of interest between the Prime Minister and Mr Scott Briggs, member of a consortium, reported to be tendering for the modernisation of the visa processing system (pp. 125–129)
  - Declassification of cabinet-in-confidence documents (pp. 129–130)
  - Australian National Audit Office report on the Management of the Australian Government's Register of Lobbyists (pp. 131–134)

### ***Digital Transformation Agency***

- Release of the Trusted Digital Identity Framework (TDIF), which sets out the rules and standards for a nationally-consistent approach to a digital identity program (pp. 6–8)
- Memorandum of understanding with the Australian Institute of International Affairs in relation to the TDIF (p. 8)
- Facial recognition scheme for the TDIF in relation to accessibility (pp. 9–12)
- Role, purpose and functions of the Digital Transformation Agency (pp. 15–16)
- Access and operation of the Digital Marketplace (pp. 17–19)
- Secure cloud strategy in relation to private and public cloud network (pp. 19–20)
- Digital Transformation Agency cybersecurity capability (p. 21)

***Australian National Audit Office***

- Underreporting of consultant contract costs by federal government agencies (pp. 22–23)
- Scope and nature of project reporting in the Australian National Audit Office's Major Projects Report (pp. 24–26)
- Allocation of risk and implications for government when projects are undertaken using a managing contractor model (pp. 26–27)

***Office of the Inspector-General***

- Changes to national security legislation in relation to classified documents (pp. 27–28)
- Implications of delays in security clearance processing for recruitment of staff in the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence Security (p. 28)

**Finance Portfolio, 27 February 2018*****ASC Pty Ltd***

- Workforce planning and retention (pp. 34–36)
- Status of negotiations between Lürssen and ASC for the design and build of the Offshore Patrol Vessels (pp. 36–37)
- ASC's discussions with the Naval Group on a role for ASC in supporting the Future Submarine Project (p. 39)
- Update on Collins Class submarines' availability and Air Warfare Destroyer project (pp. 40–41)
- Tender and planning for the SEA 500 Future Frigate Program (pp. 43–44)

***ANI Pty Ltd***

- Application of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules to Government Business Enterprises (p. 44)
- Progress on the development of Osborne South Shipyards, where Lend Lease has been appointed managing contractor (pp. 45–46)

***Department of Finance******General/ Outcome 1***

- Discussion of the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2017–18 expense measures since the 2017–18 Budget (pp. 47–51; 57–60; 66–68)
- Changes to the Department of Finance internal structure, resource allocation and staffing arrangements (pp. 52–53)
- Equity and return on investment for the Inland Rail Project (pp. 53–57)
- Implications of NBN Co's decision to temporarily cease the HFC rollout on the rate of return for the National Broadband Network (pp. 62–64)



- Roll out and final costs for the Central Budget Management System (pp. 64–65)

#### *Outcome 2*

- Reporting of consultant contracts on AusTender (pp. 68–70)
- Workforce staffing caps across the public sector and use of consultant contracts (pp. 71–74)
- Discussion of consortium arrangements in relation to the development of the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal (pp. 75–79)
- Whole-of-Government paper procurement arrangements (pp. 80–81)

#### *Outcome 3*

- Clarification of insurance arrangements for COMCAR damage as a result of bollard operations at APH (p. 82)
- Staffing arrangements and allocations for cross-bench Senators (pp. 83–88)
- Review of response to prior question on notice 36, Finance Portfolio, Supplementary Estimates 2017–18 and grounds for refusing to provide information to Senate Committees (pp. 90–92)
- Leave entitlements for staff employed under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984* (MoPS Act) (pp. 92–95)
- Review of the Workplace Bullying and Harassment Policy for MoPS Act staff (pp. 95–96)
- Training for Senators and Members on influencing behaviour for a safe workplace (pp. 97–99)
- Involvement of the Department of Finance in the process of appointing staff to Government Members' and Senators' offices (pp. 100–105)

#### *Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority*

- Staffing and recruitment in the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA) (pp. 107–109)
- IPEA's audit into travel and travel related expenses of the former Deputy Prime Minister (pp. 110–112)

#### *Australian Electoral Commission (AEC)*

- Ongoing registration of the Jacqui Lambie Network as a political party (p. 113)
- Powers and legal capacity of the AEC to investigate allegations of false electoral enrolments (pp. 113–114)
- Current investigation by the AEC into Pauline Hanson's One Nation party in relation to the disclosure of donations (pp. 115–117)
- Discussion of the Australian National Audit Office report into the AEC's procurement of services for the 2016 Federal Election (pp. 117–119)

- AEC interpretation of reporting expenditure of the Minerals Council of Australia 2010 campaign (pp. 120–122)
- Delivery of the Indigenous Electoral Participation Program (pp. 124–126)

#### ***Future Fund Management Agency***

- Provision and use of credit cards by officers of the Future Fund Management Agency (p. 127)

### **Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters, 2 March 2018**

#### ***Indigenous Land Corporation***

- Transfer of funding from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account to the Future Fund Management Agency and the funding and investment arrangements (pp. 5–8)
- Consultations of the National Indigenous Land Strategy and changes to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act (pp. 9–11)

#### ***Indigenous Business Australia***

- Review of the Business Development and Assistance Program with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (p. 14)
- Review of business loans in remote and rural areas and investment opportunities including the establishment of the Indigenous Impact Fund (pp. 15–17)

#### ***Aboriginal Hostels Limited***

- Review of Aboriginal hostel numbers, staffing ratios and protocols (pp. 19–23)

#### ***Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet- Outcome 2***

- The consultation process of the 'Close the Gap' refresh (pp. 25–26, 33–35)
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- Claims to freehold land in Queensland where land is currently held in a form of 'community title' (p. 36)
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- Consultation of the Referendum Council and funding arrangements (pp. 46–48)
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- Remote indigenous housing and leasing arrangements in Queensland and the Northern Territory and the independent review of the National Partnership on Remote Housing (pp. 50–53)

***Department of Health***

- Statistics for syphilis and related deaths in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the Northern Territory and Queensland and funding allocation for community awareness (pp. 54–55; p. 57)
- National Partnership Agreement on Rheumatic Fever Strategy and policy intent (pp. 56–57)
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- Sites of the Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program (p. 59)
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**Senator James Paterson**

**Chair**



# Appendix 1

## Departments and agencies under the Committee's oversight

### **Parliamentary Portfolio**

- Department of the Senate
- Parliamentary Budget Office
- Department of Parliamentary Services
- Parliamentary Service Commissioner

### **Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Office for Women)
- Australian National Audit Office
- Australian Public Service Commission
- Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal (APSC secretariat)
- Remuneration Tribunal (APSC secretariat)
- Digital Transformation Agency
- Independent National Security Legislation Monitor
- National Australia Day Council
- Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman
- Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security
- Office of National Assessments
- Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

### ***Indigenous Agencies***

- Aboriginal Hostels Limited
- Aboriginal Land Commissioner
- Anindilyakwa Land Council
- Central Land Council
- Executive Director of Township Leasing
- Indigenous Business Australia
- Indigenous Land Corporation
- Northern Land Council
- Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

- Outback Stores Pty Ltd
- Tiwi Land Council
- Torres Strait Regional Authority
- Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council

**Finance Portfolio**

- ASC Pty Ltd
- Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd
- Australian Electoral Commission
- Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation
- Department of Finance
- Future Fund Management Agency
- Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

## **Appendix 2**

### **Tabled documents**

**Monday, 26 February 2018**

***Parliamentary Portfolio***

- Mr Rob Stefanic, Secretary, Department of Parliamentary Services: Opening Statement

***Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio***

- Ms Stephanie Foster, Deputy Secretary, Governance, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Opening Statement
- Ms Stephanie Foster, Deputy Secretary, Governance, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Organisational Chart, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- The Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister representing the Prime Minister: Correspondence from the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister of Australia, to Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM, Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, dated 22 February 2018 and response from Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM, Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, to the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister of Australia, dated 26 February 2018
- Senator Kimberley Kitching: New South Wales Land Registry Services, Title Search, in relation to the Hon Craig Laundy MP, Minister for Small and Family Business, part ownership of property in Yagoona
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