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OF AUSTRALIA

## HEARING PROGRAM

### **Budget Estimates 2020–21**

### Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Monday, 19 October – Friday, 23 October 2020

**Committee Room 2S1**, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



#### **Hearing location**

Committee Room 2S1,  
Parliament House, Canberra  
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#### **Committee members**

Senator James Paterson, Chair  
Senator Tim Ayres, Deputy Chair  
Senator Kimberley Kitching  
Senator Matt O'Sullivan  
Senator Paul Scarr  
Senator Malcolm Roberts

#### **Office holders and Ministers attending**

Senator the Hon Scott Ryan, President of the Senate  
Senator the Hon Zed Seselja, Assistant Minister for  
Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters  
Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister for  
Finance  
Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Minister for Women  
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston, Minister for Families  
and Social Services

#### **Secretariat**

Sarah Redden, Committee Secretary  
Kate Morris, Estimates Officer

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## Parliamentary Departments

<b>9.00am</b> Senator the Hon Scott Ryan	<b>Department of the Senate</b> <b>Outcome 1: Advisory and administrative support services to enable the Senate and senators to fulfil their representative and legislative duties</b> Program 1.1—Advice and support
<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Parliamentary Budget Office</b> <b>Outcome 1: Inform the Parliament by providing independent and non-partisan analysis of the budget cycle, fiscal policy and the financial implications of proposals</b> Program 1—Parliamentary Budget Office
<b>10.30am</b>	Morning tea
<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Department of Parliamentary Services</b> <b>Outcome 1: Support the functions of Parliament and parliamentarians through the provision of professional services, advice and facilities and maintain Australian Parliament House</b> Program 1.1—Parliamentary Services Program 1.2—Parliament House works Program

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## Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

<b>11.45am</b> Senator the Hon Zed Seselja	<b>National Bushfire Recovery Agency</b>
<b>1.15pm</b>	Lunch
<b>2.15pm</b> Senator the Hon Marise Payne	<b>Office for Women</b>
<b>3.30pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>3.45pm</b>	<b>Workplace Gender Equality Agency</b> <b>Outcome 1: Promote and improve gender equality in Australian workplaces</b> Program 1.1—Workplace Gender Equality
<b>4.30pm</b> Senator the Hon Zed Seselja	<b>National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency</b> <b>Outcome 1: To coordinate Commonwealth activities for the purpose of assisting areas affected by drought or the North and Far North Queensland Monsoon Trough (25 January - 14 February 2019), including through strategic leadership</b>

	<b>and policy advice, recovery activities, drought preparation, and administering a loan scheme to provide assistance to eligible primary producers affected by the Monsoon trough.</b>
<b>5.15pm</b>	<p><b>Australian Public Service Commission</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p> <p>Program 1.1—Australian Public Service Commission Program 1.2—Judicial Office Holders' Remuneration and Entitlements</p>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<p><b>Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system</b></p> <p>Program 1.1— Support of the Governor-General and Official Activities</p>
<b>6.45pm</b>	Dinner
<b>8.15pm</b>	<p><b>Office of National Intelligence</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p> <p>Program 1.1—Assessments and Reports Program 1.2—Coordination and Evaluation</p>
<b>9.00pm</b>	Tea break
<b>9.15pm</b>	<p><b>Australian National Audit Office</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: To improve public sector performance and accountability through independent reporting on Australian Government administration to Parliament, the Executive and the public</b></p> <p>Program 1.1—Assurance Audit Services Program 1.2—Performance Audit Services</p>
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

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<b>9.00am</b> Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann	<b>National COVID-19 Commission Advisory Board</b> <b>To be considered concurrently with officials from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</b> <b>Outcome 1: Provide high quality policy advice and support to the Prime Minister, the Cabinet, Portfolio Ministers and Assistant Ministers including through the coordination of government activities, policy development and program delivery</b> Program 1.1—Prime Minister and Cabinet
<b>12.30pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</b> <b>Outcome 1 continued</b>
<b>3.45pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</b> <b>Outcome 1 continued</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	Dinner
<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</b> <b>Outcome 1 continued</b>
<b>9.15pm</b>	Tea break
<b>9.30pm</b>	<b>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</b> <b>Outcome 1 continued</b>
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

## Finance Portfolio

<p><b>9.00am</b></p> <p>Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann</p>	<p>ASC Pty Ltd</p>
<p><b>10.00am</b></p>	<p>Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd</p>
<p><b>10.30am</b></p>	<p>Morning tea</p>
<p><b>10.45am</b></p>	<p><b>Future Fund Management Agency</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p> <p>Program 1.1—Budget and Financial Management</p> <p><b>To be examined concurrently with:</b></p> <p>Department of Finance Program 2.8—Australian Government Investment Funds</p>
<p><b>11.45am</b></p>	<p><b>Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Retirement and insurance benefits for scheme members and beneficiaries, including past, present and future employees of the Australian Government and other eligible employers and members of the Australian Defence Force, through investment and administration of their superannuation funds and schemes</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Superannuation Scheme Governance</p> <p><b>To be examined concurrently with:</b></p> <p>Department of Finance Program 2.7—Public Sector Superannuation (Minister for Finance responsibilities which include policy and appointments)</p>
<p><b>12.30pm</b></p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p><b>1.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Finance</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p> <p>Program 1.1—Budget and Financial Management</p> <p><b>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</b></p> <p>Program 2.1—Public Sector Governance (Minister for Finance responsibilities which include electoral policy and exclude act of grace payments and waiver of debts)</p> <p>Program 2.2—Transforming Government</p> <p>Program 2.3—Property and Construction (Minister for Finance responsibilities which include Lands Acquisition Act 1989 and public works policy)</p> <p>Program 2.4—Insurance and Risk Management (Minister for Finance responsibilities which include Comcover policy)</p> <p>Program 2.5—Technology &amp; Procurement Services (Minister for Finance responsibilities which exclude Government Campaign Advertising)</p> <p>Program 2.6—Service Delivery Office</p>

<b>3.45pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Department of Finance</b> <b>Outcomes 1 &amp; 2 continued</b>
<b>6.30pm</b>	Dinner
<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Department of Finance</b> <b>Outcomes 1 &amp; 2 continued</b>
<b>9.15pm</b>	Tea break
<b>9.30pm</b>	<b>Department of Finance</b> <b>Outcomes 1 &amp; 2 continued</b>
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

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<p><b>10.30am</b></p>	<p>Morning tea</p>
<p><b>10.45am</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Finance</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes 1 &amp; 2 continued</b></p>
<p><b>12.30pm</b></p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p><b>1.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Finance</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p> <p>Program 3.1—Ministerial and Parliamentary Services</p>
<p><b>3.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p> <p>Program 1.1—Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority—Travel Oversight and Reporting</p>
<p><b>3.45pm</b></p>	<p>Afternoon tea</p>

<p><b>4.00pm</b></p> <p>Senator the Hon Zed Seselja</p>	<p><b>Department of Finance</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p> <p>Program 2.1—Public Sector Governance (Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters responsibilities which include act of grace payments and waiver of debts)</p> <p>Program 2.3—Property and Construction (Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters responsibilities which exclude Lands Acquisition Act 1989 and public works policy)</p> <p>Program 2.4—Insurance and Risk Management (Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters responsibilities which include Comcover administrative matters)</p> <p>Program 2.5—Technology &amp; Procurement Services (Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters responsibilities which include Government Campaign Advertising) Program 2.7—Public Sector Superannuation (Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters responsibilities which include administrative matters)</p>
<p><b>6.30pm</b></p>	<p>Dinner</p>
<p><b>8.00pm</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Finance</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 2 continued</b></p> <p>Programs 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.7</p>
<p><b>9.15pm</b></p>	<p>Tea break</p>
<p><b>9.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Australian Electoral Commission</b></p> <p><b>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</b></p> <p>Program 1.1—Deliver Electoral Events</p>
<p><b>11.00pm</b></p>	<p>Adjournment</p>