



HEARING PROGRAM

Budget Estimates 2025–26

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Thursday, 27 March, Monday, 31 March and Tuesday, 1 April 2025

Main Committee Room (MCR), Parliament House, Canberra

Dates for the 2025–26 Budget estimates hearings are pursuant to the resolution of the Senate of 25 March 2025.

Times listed are indicative only, * indicates interstate agency



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



Committee members

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



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Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Jenny
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Senator the Hon Murray Watt
Senator the Hon Don Farrell



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Questions on notice

Written questions on notice should be provided to the
secretariat by **16 April 2025**.

Answers to questions taken on notice are due to the
committee by **29 May 2025**.

Thursday, 27 March 2025

Home Affairs Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Home Affairs (incl. Australian Border Force) Cross-portfolio, corporate and general matters
10.00am	<i>Morning tea</i>
10.15am	Outcome 1: Protect Australia from national security and criminal threats, and support national resilience, through effective national coordination, policy and strategy development, and regional co-operation 1.1 Transport Security 1.2 National Security and Resilience 1.3 Cyber Security 1.4 Counter Terrorism 1.5 Regional Cooperation
12.05pm	<i>Lunch</i>
12.50pm	Outcome 2: Support a prosperous and united Australia through effective coordination and delivery of immigration and social cohesion policies and programs 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
2.20pm	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 Collection 3.4 Border Enforcement 3.5 Onshore Compliance and Detention
4.30pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>

Attorney-General's Portfolio

4.45pm	Australian Federal Police
7.15pm	<i>Dinner</i>
8.00pm	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
9.15pm	<i>Tea break</i>

9.30pm	National Anti-Corruption Commission
10.30pm	<i>Adjournment</i>

Monday, 31 March 2025 (CANCELLED*)

Home Affairs Portfolio

9.00am	National Emergency Management Agency
10.00am	<i>Morning tea</i>
10.15am	Department of Home Affairs (incl. Australian Border Force) Cross-portfolio, corporate and general matters
12.00pm	<i>Lunch</i>
12.45pm	Outcome 1: Protect Australia from national security and criminal threats, and support national resilience, through effective national coordination, policy and strategy development, and regional co-operation 1.1 Transport Security 1.2 National Security and Resilience 1.3 Cyber Security 1.4 Counter Terrorism 1.5 Regional Cooperation
3.25pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
3.40pm	Outcome 2: Support a prosperous and united Australia through effective coordination and delivery of immigration and social cohesion policies and programs 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
6.40pm	<i>Dinner</i>
7.25pm	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 Collection 3.4 Border Enforcement 3.5 Onshore Compliance and Detention
9.15pm	<i>Tea break</i>
9.30pm	Outcome 3 (cont.)
10.30pm	Adjournment

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Tuesday, 1 April 2025 (CANCELLED*)

Attorney-General's Portfolio

9.00am	Attorney-General's Department Cross-portfolio, corporate and general matters
10.00am	<i>Morning tea</i>
10.15am	Justice and Communities Group - Encompassing: First Nations and Justice Policy Division (First Nations and Justice Policy Division, First Nations Justice Branch, Native Title and Priority Reforms Branch, Legal Assistance Branch, Justice Agreement Taskforce, National Justice Reinvestment Branch); 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).
12.15pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1.00pm	Integrity and International Group – Encompassing: Integrity Frameworks Division (Fraud Prevention & 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 Public Law and Modern Slavery Division (Office of Constitutional Law, Administrative Law Branch, Office of Legal Services Coordination, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking).
2.00pm	Australian Human Rights Commission* 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
3.00pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
3.15pm	Administrative Review Tribunal*
4.15pm	Australian Financial Security Authority*

4.35pm	Australian Law Reform Commission*
5.00pm	Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions*
5.20pm	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman National Student Ombudsman
6.20pm	<i>Dinner</i>
7.05pm	Federal Circuit Court and Family Court of Australia*
8.05pm	Federal Court of Australia*
9.15pm	<i>Tea break</i>
9.30pm	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner*
10.15pm	Office of the Special Investigator
10.30pm	<i>Adjournment</i>

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