



## 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



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#### Committee members

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

#### 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 **16 April 2025**.

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

Thursday, 27 March 2025

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## Home Affairs Portfolio

9.00am	<b>Department of Home Affairs (incl. Australian Border Force)</b> <b>Cross-portfolio, corporate and general matters</b>
10.00am	<i>Morning tea</i>
10.15am	<b>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</b> 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	<b>Outcome 2: Support a prosperous and united Australia through effective coordination and delivery of immigration and social cohesion policies and programs</b> 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	<b>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</b> 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	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>
7.15pm	<i>Dinner</i>
8.00pm	<b>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</b>
9.15pm	<i>Tea break</i>

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

## Home Affairs Portfolio

9.00am	National Emergency Management Agency
10.00am	Morning tea
10.15am	Department of Home Affairs (incl. Australian Border Force) Cross-portfolio, corporate and general matters
12.00pm	Lunch
12.45pm	<b>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</b> 1.1 Transport Security 1.2 National Security and Resilience 1.3 Cyber Security 1.4 Counter Terrorism 1.5 Regional Cooperation
3.25pm	Afternoon tea
3.40pm	<b>Outcome 2: Support a prosperous and united Australia through effective coordination and delivery of immigration and social cohesion policies and programs</b> 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	Dinner
7.25pm	<b>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</b> 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	Tea break
9.30pm	Outcome 3 (cont.)
10.30pm	Adjournment

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**Tuesday, 1 April 2025 (CANCELLED\*)**

## Attorney-General's Portfolio

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Attorney-General's Department</b> Cross-portfolio, corporate and general matters
<b>10.00am</b>	<i>Morning tea</i>
<b>10.15am</b>	<b>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).</b>
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>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).</b>
<b>12.15pm</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Integrity and International Group – Encompassing: Integrity Frameworks Division (Fraud Prevention &amp; 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).</b>
<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Australian Human Rights Commission*</b> 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
<b>3.00pm</b>	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
<b>3.15pm</b>	<b>Administrative Review Tribunal*</b>
<b>4.15pm</b>	<b>Australian Financial Security Authority*</b>

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

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