



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates 2024–25
Monday, 24 February 2025
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.29pm.

The committee called the Department of Home Affairs Portfolio and the Attorney-General's Department Portfolio, discussing the following topics:

Department of Home Affairs

National Emergency Management Authority

- Emergency resilience capabilities in south-west Western Australia;
- Response to North Queensland floods;
- Preparations for cyclonic activity in Queensland and Western Australia;
- Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and Disaster Relief Australia; and
- NEMA's role as the Commonwealth-wide mechanism for responding to natural disasters.

Department of Home Affairs - Cross portfolio

- Statistics on FOI claims;
- Counter-terrorism reporting functions and Counter-terrorism strategy.

Department of Home Affairs - Outcome 1

- The Cyber Security Legislative Package;
- The Ransomware Playbook;
- The Protective Security Policy Framework 2025 (PSPF 2025);
- Security of phones used by parliamentarians;
- Social media regulation;
- Countering violent extremism (CVE) programs;
- The Technology Foreign Interference Taskforce (TechFIT);
- Advice provided to the Minister for Home Affairs related to the use of internet-connected vehicles;
- Policy regarding presence of technologies in sensitive compartmented information facilities;
- Measures to counter threats against critical infrastructure.

Department of Home Affairs - Outcome 2

- Invitations to parliamentarians to attend citizenship ceremonies;
- Significant Investor Visa;
- Processes for obtaining citizenship and waiting time from point of approval to ceremony;
- Regional processing and offshore detention in Nauru;
- Criminalisation of asylum seekers;
- Visa numbers in relation to overall immigration numbers;
- Statistics on Palestinian recipients of Australian citizenship;
- Chinese citizens in Nauru;
- Ukrainian Visa and temporary humanitarian Visa holders;
- Statistics on Palestinians granted with Australian Visas;

- PNG settlement program;
- Visa applications for Afghan nationals living in Pakistan;
- Visa cancelation of a former Israeli minister
- Community refugee and immigration pilot funding

Department of Home Affairs - Outcome 3

- Industrial action at detention centers;
- Role of the Australian Border Force in preventing importation of illicit Tobacco and e-cigarettes;
- Status of members who are a part of the Nauru deal (NZYQ);
- Community safety orders in relation to NZYQ cohort; and
- Statistics on offending and monitoring of individuals in detention.

Attorney-General's Department

Federal Court of Australia

- Spending on catering by Federal Court of Australia; and
- Submission made by the registrar of the court.

Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia

- Merger of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia; and
- Submission by Chief Justice Mortimer.

The committee will continue its examination of the Attorney-General's Department Portfolio on Tuesday, 24 February 2025 at 9.00am.

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