



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

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.31pm.

The committee called the Attorney-General's Portfolio, discussing the following topics:

Attorney-General's Department - Cross Portfolio, Corporate and General Matters

- Rise in antisemitism since October 7 Hamas attacks;
- Best practice amongst states and territories in combatting antisemitism;
- Standing Committee of Attorney Generals on Antisemitism;
- How and to whom security grants are provided;
- National incidents database;
- Email sent to Senator Cash regarding a letter to Mark Butler (AG cc'd) signed by doctors expressing pro-Hamas views on social media;
- National Anti-Corruption Commissioner failing to disclose conflict of interest;
- Progression of the Indigenous Voice to Parliament;
- Anti-discrimination in education;
- Doxing legislation and relation to antisemitism;
- Adass Israel Synagogue attack;
- Attendance of Secretary Jones at National Security Briefing;
- Livestreamed church stabbing; and
- AGD briefing about the Dural caravan incident.

Attorney-General's Department - Justice and Communities Group

- Chief Justice of a Chapter 3 court providing a submission to the Independent Review of the Federal Circuit and Family Court;
- Changes to government and justice laws and outcomes for people in the Northern Territory and Northern Queensland;
- Engagement with North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA);
- Australian Legal Reform Commission report on sexual violence;
- Changes to the Native Title Act;
- AGD and Australian Government response to events in watchhouses in relation to Closing the Gap;
- Funding for community legal services program;
- National Legal Assistance Partnership;
- Commonwealth action plan to deal with child sexual abuse;
- Abuse-survivor complaints against Jehovah's witnesses; and
- Amendments to copyright act with considerations for artificial intelligence.

Attorney-General's Department - National Security and Criminal Justice Group

- Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and ICC warrants;
- Money-laundering and enabling of other crimes;
- National Firearms Registry; and
- Federal parole decisions.

Attorney-General's Department - Integrity and International Group

- Royal commission related to use of automated decision making in government decisions;
- Technology facilitated privacy invasions;
- Australian Human Rights Commission;
- Risks of the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner of the National Anti-Corruption Commission investigating Robodebt;
- Correspondence between Australian Federal Police Association and Australian Federal Police;
- Non-disclosure agreements for workplace sexual harassment matters;
- Artificial intelligence and privacy; and
- Amendments to the Haig convention.

Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

- Events organised by listed terrorist organisations;
- Antisemitism;
- Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine;
- National socialist network;
- Removal of security clearance of Australian Defence Force officer;
- Media influences cultivating tension between social groups;
- Threats arising from Australia's foreign relationships;
- Minister for Home Affairs vehicle ownership and privacy concerns; and
- Foreign actors' involvement in antisemitic acts in Australia.

Australian Federal Police

- Disclosure of ongoing investigations;
- Adass Israel Synagogue attack;
- Use of artificial intelligence to detect child exploitation material and other offences;
- Culture within the Australian Federal Police;
- Threats of harm to Australian Federal Police officers;
- Accessibility of hate crime reporting outside of antisemitism;
- Wakeley Church stabbing;
- Foreign interference by India in relation to the Sikh community within Australia;
- Operation Alesia;
- Australian Federal Police collaboration with Pacific Nation partners;
- Display of Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine flag;
- Dural caravan incident;
- National Socialist Network doxing threats;
- Operation Rye; and
- Foreign interference with pro-democracy activists of the Eritrean community.

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

- Bunnings use of facial recognition technology; and
- Property Lovers' privacy policy.

This concludes the examination of the Attorney-General's Portfolio, and concludes the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee's Additional Estimates 2024-25 hearings.

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