



Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates 2024-25
Friday, 28 February 2025
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.00am until 4.59pm.

The committee examined the Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters, discussing the following topics; Topics discussed by the committee included:

Cross Portfolio Indigenous matters session / National Indigenous Australians Agency

- Provision of Answers to Questions on Notice from the 2024-25 Supplementary Budget Estimates;
- Establishment and staffing of the Justice Reinvestment Unit;
- Business support programs delivered through Indigenous Business Australia;
- Representation services provided by the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency;
- Funding related to the Family Violence Prevention Legal Services;
- Closing the Gap - Priority Reform Three –Transforming Government Organisations;
- Women’s legal services under the National Access to Justice Partnership;
- Electricity in remote communities;
- The Youpla Support Program;
- Early Childhood Education and Care for First Nations Children;
- Yipirinya school grant funding application and status;
- Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program;
- Treaty negotiations;
- Implementation of Parliamentary Committee and Auditor-General recommendations;
- Community Development Program replacement funding; and
- Better Safer Future for Central Australia program implementation.

Anindilyakwa Land Council, Central Land Council, Northern Land Council, Tiwi Land Council

- Section 19 Aboriginal land lease applications and average processing times;
- Implementation of Australian National Audit Office audit recommendations;
- Recruitment processes of ALC board members;
- Northern Land Council and Section 19 lease timeline for the Equatorial Launch Australia agreement;
- Behavioural actions and election processes of former Central Land Council, Chair and the 2023-24 corporate plan; and
- Current programs by land councils.

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

- Processes to declare private interests by corporations;
- The impact of prosecution of corporations on food security;
- Merit and rights of board members;

Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation

- Current partnerships, grants and consultancy strategies; and
- Sale process of Ayres Rock resort, including consultations with traditional owners;

Indigenous Business Australia

- Developing measurements of well-being in community;
- Impacts of legislative amendments to reduce limitations to borrow and raise money; and
- Investment in superannuation funds.

Outback Stores Pty Ltd

- Subsidies for essential items in remote areas;
- Governing legislations;
- Consultancy contracts;
- Operations of board and subcommittees; and
- Failures to mitigate declared conflicts of interests.

Aboriginal Investment NT

- Composition of the Grants Committee and continuation of board members.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited

- Demand and success of further education hostels;
- Current occupancy levels;
- Consolidation of existing hostels and consideration of new facilities; and
- Responding to staffing challenges and achieving a sustainable staffing model.

The committee released the Torres Strait Regional Authority, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and the Office of Township Leasing.

The committee has concluded its examination of the 2024–25 Additional Estimates.

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