



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2024–25
Thursday, 30 May 2024
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.15pm

The committee called the Attorney-General's Department.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

Corporate, cross-portfolio and general matters:

- Ministerial Direction 99;
- AAT operations and matters;
- Visa cancellations;
- Funding for first nations related measures;
- Funding for measures for community safety and transnational and organised crime;
- Employment targets and programs in relation to First Nations employees;
- Department advice regarding Australia's commitment to ICC and arrest warrant regarding Israel's PM;
- Significant legal issues committee;
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- Notification by AAT to Department regarding illegality of robodebt;
- Recruitment and retention of First Nations employees;
- Departmental Reconciliation Action Plan;
- Justice Policy Partnership;
- Human resources and staffing;
- Answers to questions on notice from 2023-24 Additional Estimates;
- Utility of the 'Approaches to Senate Estimates questions on noticed asked of all (or multiple) agencies' document; and
- Freedom of Information requests.

Justice and Communities Group:

- Consultation work in relation to the Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Costs Protection) Bill 20
- Improvements to policing culture and trauma informed training;
- Access to Federal Circuit and Family Law Courts in Tasmania;
- Funding for the National Legal Assistance Partnership and alignment with Closing the Gap priorities;
- Breakdown of funding for culturally appropriate family dispute resolution;
- Judicial appointments and vacancies;
- Outcomes of the Independent Review of the National Legal Assistance Partnership;
- Appointments to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal and the Australian Human Rights Commission; and,
- The *Family Law Amendments (Information Sharing) Act 2023*.

National Security and Criminal Justice Group:

- The possible listing of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organisation;
- Anti-money laundering and countering terrorism finance (AML/CTF) reforms;
- Australia's obligations as a state party to the International Criminal Court;
- Consultation process for proposed hate speech legislation;
- Current penalties for hate speech and inciting violence at both a federal and state level;
- The department's review of current secrecy offences and the possibility of a new general secrecy offence;
- Extradition proceedings relating to Daniel Duggan;
- Legislative amendments that would ban deep fake pornography;
- National Firearms Register;
- Criminal cases involving the NZYQ cohort; and
- Applications for post-sentence orders and extended supervision orders by the Attorney-General.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Friday 31 May 2024 in the Main Committee Room for further examination of the Attorney-General's Portfolio.