



Senate Economics Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2024–25
Thursday, 6 June 2024
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.01am until 7.12pm.

Topics discussed included:

Department of Industry, Science and Resources – Program 1.3

- Critical Minerals Strategy 2023-2030;
- Australia’s National Resources Workforce Strategy;
- Australia’s Future Gas Strategy;
- EU Critical materials list;
- Information regarding uranium supply;
- The Australian nickel industry;
- The Critical Minerals Office;
- Collection of data to inform policy decisions;
- Carbon Capture Storage policy;
- Systems surrounding the release of offshore petroleum acreage;
- Reform of NOPSEMA consultation regulation mechanisms; and
- Contact with the Major Projects Facilitation Agency.

National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority

- Funding for environmental and safety outcomes in the resources sector;
- NOPSEMA’s cost-recovery model;
- Reports of Esso’s pipeline rupture between West Kingfish and Kingfish A platforms; and
- The Scarborough Project.

Geoscience Australia

- Data acquisition and geological mapping;
- The Digital Earth Australia platform;
- Resourcing Australia’s Prosperity program;
- Consultation with the First Nations Advisory Group;
- The listing of copper on the Strategic Materials List; and
- Seismic surveys.

Department of Industry, Science and Resources – Program 1.3, Program 1.4

- Disposal of radioactive waste;
- Decommissioning of the Kimba Nuclear waste facility – Site remediation;
- Alternative pathways for nuclear waste disposal;
- Temporary radioactive waste facility at HMAS Stirling;
- The appointment of a new national radioactive waste facility; and

- Classifications regarding nuclear waste.

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation

- ANSTO support in Australia's health and medical system;
- Nuclear waste management within ANSTO; and
- ANSTO's involvement regarding the appointment of a new national radioactive waste facility.