



Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2024–25
Tuesday, 25 June 2024
Daily summary

The committee met from 10.30am until 1:28pm.

The committee called the following departments and agencies:

- National Indigenous Australians Agency
- Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council
- Torres Strait Regional Authority
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Aboriginal Hostels Limited

Topics discussed by the committee included:

National Indigenous Australians Agency

- Management of the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA);
- Funding for the Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association;
- Support for Community Sector Organisations program specifically funding for the Australian Football League and National Rugby League ;
- Appointment of Hugh Woodbury to NAAJA board;
- Northern Territory Homelands and Housing funding arrangements and program delivery ;
- Building housing in town camps;
- Program implementation of A better, safer future for Central Australia;
- Membership of council board of Tangentyere Council;
- Approval process for grant applications to Central Australia Boarding Response Fund; and
- The new Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program.

Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council

- Control arrangements in relation to Commonwealth agency reporting obligations.

Torres Strait Regional Authority

- Turnover of Chief Executive Officers in the recent period;
- Operation of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO) in the Torres Strait region;
- Effectiveness and implementation of fraud control measures; and
- Transition, ownership, and management of fisheries.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

- Changes to the Ngurra Cultural Precinct Project; and
- Staffing levels for AIATSIS.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited

- Average staffing level allocation to AHL.

This concludes the Committee's proceedings for Budget Estimates 2024-25.