

Appendix 1

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SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: **Budget Estimates 2011–12**
Monday, 23 to Thursday, 26 May 2011
and if required, Friday, 27 May 2011

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AGENDA

<u>Monday, 23 May 2011</u>	
9.00 am	Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Portfolio
	Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (DCCEE)
9.00 am	General questions of the Department
10.00 am	Outcome 1: Reduction of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions, adaptation to the impacts of climate change, and negotiation of an effective global solution, through the development and implementation of a national response to climate change; and bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement internationally
	<i>Program 1.1: Reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions</i>
	Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator Outcome 1: Administer and regulate the national renewable energy target scheme to encourage increased renewable electricity generation <i>Program 1.1: Renewable Energy Certificate Management</i> <i>Program 1.2: Managing Compliance with Legislation</i>

7.00 pm	<i>Program 1.2: Improving Australia's Energy Efficiency</i>		
10.00 pm	<i>Program 1.3: Adapting to Climate Change</i>		
10.30 pm	<i>Program 1.4: Helping to shape a global climate change solution</i>		
11.00 pm	Adjournment		
BREAKS	Morning tea	10.45 am approx	
	Lunch	1.00 pm	2.00 pm
	Afternoon tea	3.45 pm approx	
	Dinner	6.00 pm	7.00 pm
	Tea break	9.00 pm approx	
<u>Tuesday, 24 May 2011</u>			
9.00 am	Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities Portfolio		
	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC)		
9.00 am	General questions of the Department		
	Outcome 1: The conservation and protection of Australia's terrestrial and marine biodiversity and ecosystems through supporting research, developing information, supporting natural resource management, and establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas		
10.00 am	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Outcome 1: Enhanced appreciation and understanding of the natural and cultural values of Sydney for all visitors, through the remediation, conservation and adaptive re-use of, and access to, Trust lands on Sydney Harbour <i>Program 1.1: Sydney Harbour Federation Trust</i>		
10.15 am	Bureau of Meteorology Outcome 1: Informed safety, security, and the economic decisions by governments, industry, and the community through the provision of information, forecasts, services and research relating to weather, climate and water <i>Program 1.1: Bureau of Meteorology</i> <i>Program 1.2: Modernisation and Extension of Hydrological Monitoring Systems</i>		
11.20 am	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Outcome 1: The long-term protection, ecologically sustainable use, understanding and enjoyment of the Great Barrier Reef for all Australians and the international community, through the care and development of the Marine Park <i>Program 1.1: Improving the outlook for the Great Barrier Reef</i>		
12.10 pm	Director of National Parks Outcome 1: Conservation and appreciation of Commonwealth reserves through the provision of safe visitor access, the control of invasive species and working with stakeholders and neighbours <i>Program 1.1: Parks and Reserves</i>		
2.00 pm	<i>Program 1.1: Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the</i>		

	<i>Environment</i>		
7.00 pm	<i>Program 1.2: Environmental Information and Research</i>		
	Outcome 2: Improved sustainability of Australia's population, communities and environment through coordination and development of sustainable population and communities policies, supporting affordable housing and the reduction and regulation of waste, pollutants and hazardous substances		
8.00 pm	<i>Program 2.1: Management of Hazardous Wastes, Substances and Pollutants</i>		
8.30 pm	<i>Program 2.2: Affordable Housing</i>		
9.45 pm	<i>Program 2.3: Sustainable Communities</i>		
10.30 pm	Outcome 3: Advancement of Australia's strategic, scientific, environmental and economic interests in the Antarctic by protecting, administering and researching the region		
	<i>Program 3.1: Antarctica: Science, Policy and Presence</i>		
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<u>Wednesday, 25 May 2011</u>			
9.00 am	Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities Portfolio		
	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC)		
	Outcome 5: Increased protection, awareness and appreciation of Australia's environment and heritage through regulating matters of national environmental significance and the identification, conservation and celebration of natural, Indigenous and historic places of national and World Heritage significance		
9.00 am	<i>Program 5.1: Conservation of Australia's Heritage</i>		
10.30 am	Office of Supervising Scientist		
12.00 pm	<i>Program 5.2: Environmental Regulation</i>		
3.00 pm	Outcome 4: Adaptation to climate change, wise water use, secure water supplies and improved health of rivers, waterways and freshwater ecosystems by supporting research, and reforming the management and use of water resources		
	Murray-Darling Basin Authority		

	<p>Outcome 1: Equitable and sustainable use of the Murray-Darling Basin by governments and the community including through development and implementation of a Basin Plan, operation of the River Murray system, shared natural resource management programs, research, information and advice <i>Program 1.1: Equitable and sustainable use of the Murray-Darling Basin</i></p>		
	Program 4.1: Water Reform		
	<p>National Water Commission Outcome 1: Informed decisions by governments on national water issues, and improved management of Australia's water resources, through advocacy, facilitation and independent advice <i>Program 1.1: Water Reform</i></p>		
9.15 pm	Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Portfolio⁸		
	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE)		
	Outcome 1—Develop a vibrant, sustainable and internationally competitive broadband, broadcasting and communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, which promotes the digital economy for all Australians		
9.15 pm	Australia Post		
10.15 pm	<p>Special Broadcasting Service Outcome 1: Provide multilingual and multicultural services that inform, educate and entertain all Australians and in so doing reflect Australia's multicultural society <i>Program 1.1: Television</i> <i>Program 1.2: Radio</i> <i>Program 1.3: Analogue Transmission and Distribution</i> <i>Program 1.4: Digital Television Transmission and Distribution</i> <i>Program 1.5: Digital Radio Transmission and Distribution</i></p>		
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Thursday, 26 May 2011			
9.00 am	Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Portfolio		
	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE)		
	Outcome 1—Develop a vibrant, sustainable and internationally competitive		

⁸ The ACMA and NBN Co will appear on Thursday, 16 June 2011 from 4.00 to 11.00 pm.

	broadband, broadcasting and communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, which promotes the digital economy for all Australians		
9.00 am	Australian Broadcasting Corporation Outcome 1: Informed, educated and entertained audiences–throughout Australia and overseas–through innovative and comprehensive media and related services <i>Program 1.1: ABC Radio</i> <i>Program 1.2: ABC Television</i> <i>Program 1.3: Online</i> Outcome 2: Audience access to ABC satellite and analog terrestrial radio and television transmission services is, at a minimum, maintained year-on-year through the management of Transmission Service Agreements <i>Program 2.1: ABC Analog Transmission</i> Outcome 3: Audience access to ABC digital television services is provided, in accordance with Government approved implementation policy, through the roll-out and maintenance of the associated distribution and transmission infrastructure <i>Program 3.1: Access to Digital Television Services</i> Outcome 4: Audience access to ABC digital radio services is provided, in accordance with Government approved implementation policy, through the rollout and maintenance of the associated distribution and transmission infrastructure <i>Program 4.1: Access to Digital Radio Services</i>		
11.00 am	General questions of the department		
12.00 pm	<i>Program 1.3: Broadcasting and Digital Television</i>		
2.30 pm	<i>Program 1.2: Digital Economy and Postal Services</i>		
4.00 pm	<i>Program 1.1: Broadband and Communications Infrastructure</i>		
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	Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Portfolio
4.00 pm	Australian Communications and Media Authority Outcome 1: A communications and media environment that balances the needs of the industry and the Australian community through regulation, education and advice <i>Program 1.1: Communications regulation, planning and licensing</i> <i>Program 1.2: Consumer safeguards, education and information</i>
6.00 pm	<i>Dinner break</i>
7.00 pm	NBN Co
11.00 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>