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Chapter 1

Introduction

Reference

1.1 On 13 May 2008 the Senate referred the following documents to standing committees for examination and report:

- Particulars of proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2009
- Particulars of certain proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2009
- Particulars of proposed supplementary expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2008
- Particulars of certain proposed supplementary expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2008.¹

1.2 The committee was required to report to the Senate by 23 June 2008.²

Hearings

1.3 The committee conducted public hearings on the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio on 26 and 27 May 2008 and on the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio on 28 and 29 May 2008. The agenda is at Appendix 1.

1.4 Links to the transcripts of the public hearings, and to responses and additional information, are available on the Internet at:

http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/eca_ctte/estimates/bud_0809/index.htm

1.5 Written answers and additional information provided to the committee on notice arising from the hearings are tabled in the Senate and also compiled as volumes of Additional Information. The answers are also posted on the committee's web page.

Questions on notice – date for response

1.6 In accordance with Standing Order 26(9)(a), the committee has fixed Thursday, 31 July 2008 as the date for the return of written answers or additional information in response to questions placed on notice.

1 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 11, 13 May 2008, pp 365-366.

2 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 26 13 February 2008, pp 98-99.

Procedural and other matters

1.7 At the commencement of the committee's consideration of output 1.1 of the Broadband, Communications and Digital Economy portfolio on 27 May 2008, the Minister, Senator Conroy made an opening statement about the process for establishing the national broadband network. He stated that the government has issued a request for proposals and the department and its specialist advisers are examining documents provided by potential proponents and will be advising parties who have met the prequalification requirements about the next steps in the process.

1.8 The Minister argued that it is of critical importance that integrity and confidentiality are maintained to ensure the commercial and policy objectives of the Commonwealth are not compromised and therefore stated that he did not propose to make any comments or answer any questions about the process.³

I will not be commenting, and nor will my department officials, about the number of bonds and deeds received or the identity of parties who lodge those bonds and deeds. The R[equest F[or] P[roposals] is a public document and it clearly set out the government's objectives for the national broadband network and established the criteria by which proposals will be evaluated. ... Further discussion in a forum such as estimates on the objectives or the criteria or speculation on the nature of the proposals or possible outcomes of the process could be misconstrued by proponents and could undermine the integrity of the process.

...

I am not proposing to comment on any matters that revolve around the process. Whether there has been previous comment or not, we are now in the middle of a very sensitive commercial process, there are billions of dollars at stake and we have reached a new stage in the process.⁴

1.9 The Minister also expressed his concern about the risk of inadvertent comment by department officials or himself.⁵

1.10 It is not unusual for ministers to decline to answer questions on the general ground that disclosure of information would be harmful to the public interest – public interest immunity. In this instance the claim to immunity was grounded on the need for commercial confidentiality with regard to a major tender process.

1.11 The Senate has acknowledged the right of ministers to do this, however it has never accepted it as an established prerogative. Nor has it accepted claims to immunity covering a whole subject area. Claims must be made with regard to specific questions with each claim to be considered on its merits.

3 *Committee Hansard, 27 May 2008, p. 3.*

4 *Committee Hansard, 27 May 2008, p. 4.*

5 *Committee Hansard, 27 May 2008, p. 5.*

1.12 Of particular concern is the refusal to answer questions because of a fear that commercially sensitive information might be 'inadvertently' released. The Minister did cite a precedent from the previous parliament where a similar claim had been made but to allow such a ground for declining to answer questions would provide ministers with *carte blanche* to refuse to answer questions.

1.13 The committee met briefly in private to consider its position. When the committee reconvened in public session the Chair advised the Minister that:

bearing in mind your comments about inadvertent comment, you take on notice questions from senators and, where possible, attempt to answer them in a prompt fashion. We also acknowledge that some questions that you take on notice may not be able to be answered until after the commercial process is completed.⁶

1.14 Through the course of the day senators asked questions on aspects of the national broadband network and the Minister, in line with his statement, took many questions on notice, undertaking to provide answers at the end of the process. The committee notes that, while 'inadvertent release' of sensitive information may be a risk in the heat of discussion before a committee, it cannot be a concern when providing a considered, written answer to a question on notice.

1.15 As part of this process the Minister made a further comment about probity advice. Senators sought information on the probity advice received by the Minister in regard to any comments he might make on the tender process. The Minister responded that:

You now ask me to comment on the advice that I was given and in what form it came. The probity advice is part of advice to government. It is not a matter that any government has ever previously discussed.⁷

1.16 There is, in fact, no general rule or convention that advice tendered to ministers is not published. Advice to ministers is subject to the same practice as any other information or document held by the executive. As the Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet stated:

It is always open to the Government to disclose the content of legal advice where it considers that it is in the public interest to do so. ... a minister will balance the public interest in disclosure with the protection of the Government's legal interests.⁸

6 *Committee Hansard*, 27 May 2008, p. 6.

7 *Committee Hansard*, 27 May 2008, p. 10.

8 Letter to the Secretary of the Attorney General's Department, 23 May 2008. Tabled in the Senate Standing Committee on Legal & Constitutional Affairs, 26 May 2008.

Late return of responses to questions on notice

1.17 The committee has repeatedly expressed its concern in previous reports about past failures to provide responses in a timely manner and its expectation that responses to questions on notice should be provided to it by the due date.

1.18 While acknowledging that there were no answers outstanding from previous estimates rounds at the commencement of these Budget Estimates hearings, the committee notes that answers were still being provided to the secretariat on the last working day before this round of hearings commenced – some six weeks after the date the committee had set for the return of answers.

1.19 In setting 31 July 2008 as the deadline for answers to questions on notice from the current round of hearings, the committee believes that it is allowing ample opportunity for answers to be carefully considered and submitted in a timely manner.

Comprehensiveness of Budget Estimates process

1.20 As the then Chair noted in previous estimates,⁹ the committee expects that all agencies will be available for the main round of Budget Estimates, unlike Supplementary Estimates where senators nominate agencies they wish to examine.

1.21 For this round the committee again continued its practice of listing all government companies in the program under the relevant departmental outcome, in the interests of comprehensiveness and transparency. It is left to the discretion of officials to determine whether company representatives need to attend the hearings in person or whether departmental officers are sufficiently knowledgeable to respond to the committee's inquiries on their behalf.

1.22 The committee believes that, by including all relevant government agencies in the hearing program, senators are made aware of the opportunity to be able to hold them to account for their activities at least once a year.¹⁰

Portfolio budget statements

1.23 The committee notes that, as foreshadowed in the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2007-08, the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy has developed a new Outcome Statement which reflects changes to the department under new Administrative Arrangements Order of 3 December 2007. The former and new outcome and output statements are shown in the table below:

9 *Proof Committee Hansard*, 25 May 2005, p. 55.

10 *Budget Estimates 2004-05*, Report of the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee, June 2004, p. 13.

Former Outcome 1	Current Outcome 1
Development of services and provision of a regulatory environment which encourages a sustainable and effective communications sector for the benefit of all Australians and an internationally competitive information economy and Information and Communications Technology industry	Development of a vibrant, sustainable and internationally competitive broadband and communications sector which promoted the digital economy for the benefit of all Australians
Output 1.1	Output 1.1
Policy advice and program management that delivers competitively priced, accessible and high quality telecommunications, broadcasting and postal services and that supports development and application of a competitive capability in Information and Communications Technology	Policy advice and program management that delivers competitively priced, accessible and high quality broadband and other communication services and that supports the digital economy

1.24 The committee is aware that the Department of Finance is reviewing the structure and presentation of information in the Budget Papers. The committee notes that agencies are required '... to measure their intended and actual performance in terms of outcomes'.¹¹ Thus outcomes should be expressed in terms that lend themselves to measurement. The committee notes that one of the characteristics required for achievement of Outcome 1 is that the broadband and communications sector is that it be 'vibrant', which is a purely subjective concept. The committee suggests that the Department of Finance remove inappropriate, promotional terms from Outcome statements.

Department of Climate Change

1.25 The current arrangements for Estimates committees require that the Department of Climate Change be considered by the Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration while the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts is examined by this committee. Several senators expressed the view that, given the overlap in functions between the two departments, they should both be the responsibility of the Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts.

11 Portfolio Budget Statements 2008-09, Budget related paper no. 1.3, Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Portfolio, p.36.

Acknowledgements

1.26 The committee thanks Senators Conroy, Wong and McLucas and officers from portfolio departments and agencies, for their assistance during this Budget Estimates process.

1.27 The committee notes that three of its committee members, Senators Bartlett, Kemp and Webber, are retiring from the Senate at the end of June and acknowledges their contributions to the work of the committee during their membership.

Chapter 2

Examination of portfolios

Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

2.1 The committee welcomed Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy, Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

2.2 During its examination, the committee raised a variety of issues which are noted below. The page numbers beside each issue refer to the proof transcript for Monday, 26 May 2008.

Australia Post

- speculation about possible closure of the Traralgon Post Office (pp 3-9, 14, 20-23, 29-30)
- application to increase the unit price for a basic postage item (p. 9, 14)
- impact of the special dividend 2008-09 (pp 10, 14, 20-23, 29-30)
- impact on contractors of rising petrol prices (p. 11)
- complaints received through the centralised complaint hotline number (p. 16)
- processing of passport applications (pp 16-17)
- closures of post offices or licensed outlets (pp 17-18)
- arrangements for the purpose-built Western Delivery Centre (pp 19-20)
- appointments to the board (pp 25-27)
- mail deliveries to Marble Bar/north west Western Australia (p. 36)
- costs of media monitoring services (p. 37)
- number of FOI requests receives (p. 38)

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

- correction of matters broadcast on *7.30 Report* programs (pp 38-42, 79-80)
- numbers of former parliamentarians and staffers employed by the ABC (p. 42)
- circumstances surrounding the ban of a TV camera from a radio interview in the Parliament House press gallery (pp 42-44, 49)
- process for selecting participants in the *Q&A* program (pp 44-46)
- participation of ABC representatives in the 2020 Summit (pp 46-48)
- proposed new selection process for new members of the Board (pp 48-49, 54-56)
- content of the 'Planet Slayer' website (pp 50-54)

- appointment of staff-elected directors (p.7)
- programming on ABC2 (pp 59-64)
- coverage of digital ABC TV broadcasts compared with that of analogue across Australia (pp 67-68)
- coverage of FM radio in Tasmania (p. 68)
- delivery of a commercial free children's channel on digital television (pp 70-71)
- style guide for ABC journalists (pp 71-73)
- replacement of the Toowong facility in Brisbane and the ongoing management of staff under workers compensation arrangements (p. 74)
- review of television production processes (pp 74-75)
- design, development and introduction of the new ABC logos (pp 75-76)
- extension of ABC stores and centres (pp 77-78)
- review of editorial policies and addition of a new section dealing with sources and status of information provided on record, for background or off the record (pp 81-83)
- *Unleashed* blog site (pp 86-87)

Special Broadcasting Service Corporation

- allegations of a peeping tom in the SBS Sydney headquarters (pp 88-90)
- increase in local content programming (pp 90-92)
- potential advertising revenue (pp 92-93)
- validity of in-program advertising on the network (pp 92-96)
- monitoring of quality, content and appropriateness of SBS Radio programs (pp 96-97)

Australian Communications and Media Authority

- black-listing of illegal websites (pp 97, 122-123)
- cybersafety, testing of ISP filters (pp 97-99)
- status of Channels A and B and proposed spectrum review (pp 99-114)
- status of Channel C (pp 113-114)
- number of registrants on the Do No Call Register (pp 114-115, 121-122)
- feedback about the register (pp 115-116)
- funding of the register and cost-recovery measures (pp 116-117)
- resourcing of ACMA (pp 118-120)
- complaint process and average turnaround time for complaints (pp 120-123)

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- issues around the transfer to Next G from the CDMA network (pp 123-124)
 - operation of the antisiphoning list (pp 124-130)
 - complaints related to SMS subscription services (pp 130-132)
 - community radio licenses (pp 132-133).

2.3 The committee continued its examination of the portfolio on Tuesday, 27 May, calling officers from the department in relation to its Output 1.1—Policy advice and program management that delivers competitively priced, accessible and high quality broadband and other communication services and that supports the digital economy.

2.4 As noted in the previous chapter, the minister stated that he did not propose to make any comments or answer any questions about the national broadband network and through the course of the day, in line with his statement, took many questions on notice, undertaking to provide answers at the end of the process.

2.5 Other issues were raised during questioning. The page numbers beside each issue below refer to the proof transcript for Tuesday, 27 May 2008.

- minister's attendance at community cabinet meetings (p. 48)
- cost of minister's overseas travel (p. 48)
- answers provided to questions put on notice at the additional estimates round in February 2008 (pp 50-57)
- process for responding to FOI requests (pp 59-60)
- media monitoring arrangements (pp 60-61)
- condition precedent in the OPEL contract (pp 83-94)
- progress of the digital switch-over process (pp 94-101)
- introduction of digital tracker to monitor digital uptake (pp 97-99)
- identification of black spots in digital coverage (pp 99-100)
- complaints received about the CDMA switch-off (pp 101-103)
- equivalent coverage issues between CDMA and Next G services (pp 103-104).

Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

2.6 On Wednesday, 28 May the committee commenced its examination of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio and welcomed Senator the Hon Penny Wong, Minister for Climate Change and Water, and representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Hon Peter Garrett MP, and portfolio officers.

2.7 The Secretary of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts tabled corrigenda in relation to the portfolio budget statements.¹

2.8 The committee commenced with general questions of the portfolio including about the impacts on the department and its agencies of the 2% efficiency dividend. It then moved to agenda items. The page numbers refer to the proof transcript for 28 May 2008.

Outcome 2—Australia’s interests in Antarctica are advanced

Australian Antarctic Division

- revenue resulting from the memorandum of understanding with the Japanese government for the resupply of their Antarctic station (pp 30-33, 37-38)
- cooperative research relationships with Japan (pp 32-35)
- funding allocated to the Australian Centre for Applied Marine Mammal Science and projects being undertaken (p. 34)
- tourism in the Antarctic (p. 41)
- arrangements for the Antarctic air link (pp 42-44)
- maintenance costs of the Antarctic runway (p. 44)
- removal of toxic waste from Wilkins Base (pp 44-45)
- monitoring of melting ice sheets and glaciers (pp 46-48)

Outcome 1—The environment, especially those aspects that are matters of national environmental significance, is protected and conserved

Bureau of Meteorology

- tsunami warning centres (pp 49-51)
- impact of the additional efficiency dividend (pp 52-53)
- staffing of field offices (pp 52, 60-61)
- funding for the Water for the Future program (pp 54-58, 62-65)
- audits of the emergency warning systems (p. 58)
- introduction of a new forecasting system (p. 59)

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

- illegal fishing in the green zones (pp 65-68)
- status of shark stocks on the reef (pp 69-70)
- impacts of climate change on the reef (pp 73-76)

1 *Committee Hansard*, 28 May 2008, p. 5.

Sydney Harbour Federation Trust

- transfer of former submarine base HMAS *Platypus* to the Trust (pp 76-78)
- revenue generation through leasing of Trust properties (p. 78)

Office of the Supervising Scientist

- production levels at the mines (p. 81)
- monitoring of the mining operations (pp 81-82)

Director of National Parks and Parks Australia Division

- visitor numbers at Kakadu since removal of entry fees (p. 83)
- increase in camping fees (pp 83-84)
- assessment of the mine on Christmas Island (p. 86)
- funding for the national reserve system (pp 86-88)
- management of invasive species, both weeds and feral animals (pp 88-90)
- Australian National Botanic Gardens: visitor numbers, sustainable water supply, capacity to respond to climate change (pp 90-92)
- National Landscapes partnership with Tourism Australia (p. 92)

2.9 Having concluded its examination of agencies, the committee called officers from the department in relation to outputs under Outcome 1:

Output 1.1—Energy efficiency and climate change action

- green loans proposal (pp 93-111)
- introduction of a means test for the photovoltaic rebate (pp 111-128, 129-137)
- solar hot water rebate guidelines (pp 128-129)
- Green Vouchers for Schools program/National Solar Schools plan (p. 138)

Output 1.2—Conservation of the land and inland waters

- funding under the Caring for our Country program (pp 138-144)
- development of a business plan (p. 144)

2.10 The committee continued its examination of Output 1.2 on the following day and page references below refer to the transcript of hearing for Thursday, 29 May 2008.

Output 1.2—Conservation of the land and inland waters

- investment framework development (p. 5)
- funding for the environmental stewardship component of Caring for our Country (p. 6)
- programs under Caring for our Country (pp 6-17)

- Green Vouchers for Schools/National Solar Schools program (p. 17)
- Community Water Grants program (pp 18-19)

Output 1.3—Conservation of the coasts and oceans

- appointment of a whale envoy (pp 19-29, 42, 45-46)
- delegates to the International Whaling Committing meeting in Chile (pp 30-31)
- joint Australia-Japanese research in the Antarctic (pp 32-40)
- use of *Aurora Australis* for resupplying Japanese base (p. 44)
- funding for marine protected areas (pp 48-49)
- shark fisheries on the Reef (pp 53-54)

Output 1.4—Conservation of natural, indigenous and historic heritage

- listing of convict sites on the World Heritage List (pp 56-57)
- listing of Ningaloo Reef on the National and World Heritage List (pp 57-63)
- Burrup petroglyphs (pp 65-66)
- listing of Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area on the World Heritage List (pp 66-67)

Output 1.5—Response to the impacts of human settlements

- status of Traveston Crossing Dam project (pp 67-69)
- ban on plastic bags (pp 71-74)

Outcome 3—More efficient and sustainable use of Australia's water resources

National Water Commission

Output 3.1—Sustainable management of water resources

Output 3.2—Achieving efficiencies in water use

- allocation of funds for water projects in Western Australia (pp 74-79)
- water package for Tasmania (pp 81-86)
- Murray-Darling Basin reform memorandum of understanding (pp 87-95)
- purchase of water (pp 95-96)
- review of the Ramsar wetlands (pp 98-99)
- illegal diversions of water in NSW (pp 99-102)

2.11 At the conclusion of the examination of the water resources outcome, the committee proceeded to examine outcome 4, the cultural sector, and welcomed Senator the Hon Jan McLucas, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, representing the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Arts.

Outcome 4—Development of a rich and stimulating cultural sector for all Australians

Australia Council

- impact of the 2% efficiency dividend (p. 104)
- implementation of the orchestra review (p. 105)
- vacancies on the governing council (p. 107)

Australian Film Commission (AFC) Film Australia Limited (FA), Film Finance Corporation (FFC) and Screen Australia

- amalgamation of functions of the AFC, FA and FFC into Screen Australia (pp 108-109)
- divesting of the Film and Sound Archive (p. 109)
- appointment of a CEO (pp 109-110)
- audience share at the box office for Australian films (p. 111)

Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS)

- move to new premises (pp 113-114)
- student numbers (pp 113-114)
- impact of the efficiency dividend (pp 114-115)
- monitoring of employment opportunities for graduates (p. 115)

Australian National Maritime Museum

- proposed trips for HM Bark *Endeavour* (pp 115-117)
- impact of the efficiency dividend (p. 117)

National Library of Australia

- progress of capital works at the Library (p. 118)
- impact of the efficiency dividend (p. 118)
- depreciation funding arrangements (pp 118-119)
- proposed new Treasures Gallery (p. 119)
- digitisation of newspapers program (p. 120)

National Gallery of Australia

- report on the cancer cluster investigation (pp 121-122)
- progress of building works (p. 122)
- proposed exhibitions (p. 123)
- impact of the efficiency dividend (pp 123-124, 125-126)

National Museum of Australia

- visitor numbers at the Museum (p. 126)
- implementation of the Carroll report recommendations (pp 126-127)
- impact of the efficiency dividend (pp 127-128)

Bundanon Trust

- visitor numbers (p. 129)
- upgrade of access road (pp 129-130)

Australia Business Arts Foundation

- review of AbaF (p. 131)

Output 4.1—Policy advice, program management and agency support which promotes excellence in, preservation and maintenance of, and access to Australia’s cultural activities, national cultural collections and buildings, and Indigenous languages

- funding for Regional Arts Australia (pp 131-132, 133)
- government response to the Indigenous Arts report (pp 132, 134)
- funding for cultural training institutions (pp 135-136)
- refurbishment and redevelopment at Old Parliament House (pp 136-137)
- progress of the new National Portrait Gallery (pp 137-138)

Senator Anne McEwen
Chair

Appendix 1

The Senate BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

This document is issued as a guide to Senators
Business listed is subject to change

It should be noted that times allocated for the consideration of outcomes, items and agencies within portfolios are indicative only.

Senators, staff and departments should liaise with secretariats on the progress of portfolios during the estimates process.

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AGENDA

<u>MONDAY, 26 May 2008</u>	
	Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Portfolio
	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE)
	Outcome 1—Development of a vibrant, sustainable and internationally competitive broadband and communications sector which promoted the digital economy for the benefit of all Australians
9.00am	Australia Post
	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
	Special Broadcasting Service
	Australian Communications and Media Authority
	DBCDE Output 1.1 Policy advice and program management that delivers competitively priced, accessible and high quality broadband and other communication services and that supports the digital economy

11.00pm	Adjournment
<u>TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2008</u>	
	Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Portfolio
	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE)
	Outcome 1—Development of a vibrant, sustainable and internationally competitive broadband and communications sector which promoted the digital economy for the benefit of all Australians
9.00am	<i>IN CONTINUATION FROM MONDAY agency/ output 1.1 not called on Monday</i>
11.00pm	Adjournment
<u>WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2008</u>	
	Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts Portfolio
	Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA)
9.00 am	<i>Outcome 2—Australia's interests in Antarctica are advanced</i>
	<i>DEWHA Output 2.1—Antarctic policy DEWHA Output 2.2—Antarctic science</i>
	<i>Outcome 1—The environment, especially those aspects that are matters of national environmental significance, is protected and conserved</i>
	Bureau of Meteorology
	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
	Sydney Harbour Federation Trust
	Office of Supervising Scientist
	Director of National Parks
	<i>DEWHA Output 1.1—Energy efficiency and climate change action DEWHA Output 1.2—Conservation of the land and inland waters DEWHA Output 1.3—Conservation of the coasts and oceans DEWHA Output 1.4—Conservation of natural, indigenous and historic heritage DEWHA Output 1.5—Response to the impacts of human settlements</i>
	<i>Outcome 3—More efficient and sustainable use of Australia's water resources</i>
	National Water Commission

	<i>DEWHA Output 3.1—Sustainable management of water resources</i> <i>DEWHA Output 3.2—Achieving efficiencies in water use</i>		
11.00pm	Adjournment		
<u>THURSDAY, 29 MAY 2008</u>			
	Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts Portfolio		
	Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA)		
	<i>Outcome 3—More efficient and sustainable use of Australia's water resources</i>		
9.00 am	<i>IN CONTINUATION FROM WEDNESDAY, IF REQUIRED</i> National Water Commission		
	<i>DEWHA Output 3.1—Sustainable management of water resources</i> <i>DEWHA Output 3.2—Achieving efficiencies in water use</i>		
	<i>Outcome 4—Development of a rich and stimulating cultural sector for all Australians</i>		
	Australia Council		
	Australian Film Commission		
	Film Australia Limited		
	Film Finance Corporation Australia Limited		
	Australian Film, Television and Radio School		
	Australian National Maritime Museum		
	National Library of Australia		
	National Gallery of Australia		
	National Museum of Australia		
	<i>DEWHA Output 4.1—Policy advice, program management and agency support which promotes excellence in, preservation and maintenance of, and access to Australia's cultural activities, national cultural collections and buildings, and indigenous languages</i> Old Parliament House & National Portrait Gallery Australia Business Arts Foundation Ltd Bundanon Trust		
11.00pm	Adjournment		
BREAKS	Morning tea	10.45am approx	
	Lunch	1.00pm	2.00pm
	Afternoon tea	3.45pm approx	
	Dinner	6.00pm	7.00pm
	Tea break	9.30pm approx	

Appendix 2

Tabled documents

Tuesday, 27 May 2008

Australian Broadband Guarantee Draft program guidelines 2008-09, May 2008

Fifteenth Online and Communications Council Communiqué, dated Wednesday, 21 May 2008

Extract from OPEL contract regarding Conditions Precedent

Wednesday, 28 May 2008

Corrigenda to the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio budget statements 2008-09:

- corrected Table 3.1.4: Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure
- corrected Table 2.1.1: Total resources available for outcome 1, and
- corrected Table 2.1.3: Total resources available for Outcome 3.

Thursday, 29 May 2008

Document entitled *Antarctica—Cooperation between Australia and Japan*

Document entitled *Details on Australian Centre for Applied Marine Mammal Science (ACAMMS), Approved Cetacean Projects for 2007/08*