The Senate

Environment, Communications,
Information Technology and the Arts
Legislation Committee

Budget estimates 2003–04

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Introduction

On 13 May 2003 the Senate referred the following documents to legislation committees for examination and report:

- Particulars of proposed expenditure for the service of the year ending on 30 June 2004.

- Particulars of certain proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2004.

- Particulars of proposed expenditure in relation to the parliamentary departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2004.[1]

The Committee was required to report to the Senate on 19 June 2003.[2]

Hearings

The Committee conducted public hearings on the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio on 26, 27, 28 and 29 May 2003 and on the Environment and Heritage portfolio on 29 and 30 May 2003. The original agenda and each of the four revisions made by the Committee in response to changed circumstances are shown in Appendix 1. The evidence given is recorded in *Hansard* and is available on the Internet at:

> http://www.aph.gov.au/hansard/senate/commttee/s-ecita.htm

Written responses and information provided to the Committee on notice arising from the hearings are compiled as volumes of Additional Information. These volumes are tabled in the Senate and the responses are posted on the Committee's web page at:

> http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/ecita_ctte/quest_answers/index.htm

Questions on notice – date for response

In accordance with Standing Order 26(9)(a), the Committee has fixed Friday, 8 August 2003 as the date for written answers or additional information to be provided in response to questions placed on notice.

Once again, the Committee expresses its concern 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.

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1   *Journals of the Senate*, No.75, 14 May 2003, p. 1786-87.

2   *Journals of the Senate*, No. 59, 11 December 2002, p. 1320.

Portfolio specific issues

During its examination of the 2003-2004 Budget Estimates, the Committee raised a variety of issues which are noted below.

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio

The Committee welcomed Senator the Hon Richard Alston, Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

The Committee notes that the Department reviewed its Outcome and Output structure during the past year to improve the alignment of its activities and programs.[3]

Outcome 3 – Development of services and provision of a regulatory environment which encourages an efficient and effective communications section for the benefit of all Australians

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3   Budget Portfolio Statements 2003-04, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Budget Related Paper No 1.3, p.21.

4   Page references refer to the relevant Proof Committee Hansard: pp. 1-138, Monday, 26 May 2003; pp. 139-275, Tuesday, 27 May 2003; pp. 277-418, Wednesday, 28 May 2003; pp.419-546, Thursday, 29 May 2003 and pp. 547-580, Friday, 30 May 2003.

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This agency has been transferred to the Department of Education, Science and Training as from 1 July 2003.

Environment and Heritage portfolio

Over its two days of hearings on the portfolio, the Committee welcomed Senator the Hon Robert Hill, Minister for Defence, and Senator the Hon Judith Troeth, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, representing the Hon David Kemp MP, Minister for the Environment and Heritage.

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Acknowledgements

The Committee thanks the Minister for Communications, Information Technology and the Arts, Senator the Hon Richard Alston; the Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator the Hon Rod Kemp; the Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Robert Hill and Senator the Hon Judith Troeth, Parliamentary Secretary, both representing the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, along with officers from both portfolio departments and agencies, for their assistance during this additional estimates process.

Senator Alan Eggleston
Chairman

Addendum to the
Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee's
Report on the Budget Estimates 2003-04

ALP members of the Committee note the refusal of Australia Post to answer questions on their budget for the 2002-03 financial year on the grounds of commercial confidentiality.

ALP members note resolutions of the Senate, dating back to 1971, that statutory bodies have no discretion to refuse to answer questions on the expenditure of public money, and that there was no basis to the refusal of Australia Post to answer these questions

ALP members condemn this attempt to close down reasonable and proper Senate estimates questions on the Australia Post budget.

Senator Sue Mackay   Senator Kate Lundy

Appendix 1

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AGENDA

MONDAY, 26 MAY 2003

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Outcome 3—Development of services and provisions of a regulatory environment which encourages an efficient and effective communications sector for the benefit of all Australians

9.00am   **Australian Broadcasting Corporation
                    Telstra
                    Special Broadcasting Service
                    Australian Broadcasting Authority
                    DCITA Output 3.2**   Policy advice and program management which promote accessible high quality broadcasting services

11.00pm   **Adjournment**

<u>**TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2003**</u>

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

9.00am   **Continuation of program from Monday, as may be required**
Australia Post
Australian Communications Authority
DCITA Output 3.1   Policy advice and program management which encourages competitively priced and reasonably accessible telecommunications and postal services
National Office for the Information Economy
DCITA Corporate Services
DCITA Output 3.3   Policy advice and program management that assist the development of the Information and Communications Technology Industry
DCITA Output 3.4   Policy and program management of copyright issues that encourage the production of content and promote reasonable access to research and cultural materials

11.00pm   **Adjournment**

<u>**WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY, 2003**</u>

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

Outcome 2—Development of a stronger and internationally competitive Australian sports sector and greater encouragement of greater participation in sport by all Australians

9.00am   **Australian Sports Drug Agency**
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11.00pm   **Adjournment**

THURSDAY, 29 MAY, 2003

Environment and Heritage Portfolio

9.00am   **Department of Environment and Heritage**
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Australian Antarctic Division

Outcome 1—The environment, especially those aspects that are matters of national environmental significance, is protected and conserved
Supervising Scientist Division
Bureau of Meteorology
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
National Oceans Office
Sydney Harbour Federation Trust
Australian Greenhouse Office
Parks Australia
Department of the Environment and Heritage
Approvals and Wildlife Division
Heritage Division (including Australian Heritage Commission)
Marine and Water Division
Natural Heritage Division
Policy Coordination Division
Strategic Development Division
Sustainable Industries and Atmosphere Division

11.00pm   **Adjournment**

BREAKS   Lunch   1.00pm   2.00pm
               Dinner   6.00pm   7.00pm

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Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

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	Australian Communications Authority
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Department of the Environment and Heritage

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Policy Coordination Division
Strategic Development Division
Sustainable Industries and Atmosphere Division

Any matters not completed in the Environment and Heritage portfolio program will be continued on Friday morning

7.00pm

Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

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7.00pm

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DCITA Output 3.4   Policy and program management of copyright issues that encourage the production of content and promote reasonable access to research and cultural materials

11.00pm

Adjournment

The Senate

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

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FRIDAY, 30 MAY, 2003

Environment and Heritage Portfolio

Department of Environment and Heritage

8.00am	**Environment and Heritage**
	Natural Heritage Division
	Marine and Water Division
	Policy Coordination Division
	Strategic Development Division
	Sustainable Industries and Atmosphere Division
11.00am	**Adjournment**