

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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### SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Public Hearings: BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2012-13**

**Monday, 21 May to Thursday, 24 May 2012  
and, if required, Friday 25 May 2012**

**Main Committee Room  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT**

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#### AGENDA

**MONDAY, 21 MAY 2012**

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Immigration and Citizenship Portfolio</b>
*Interstate agencies/programs	
<b>9.00am-10.00am</b>	<b>Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal*</b>
	<b>Department of Immigration and Citizenship</b>
<b>10.00-11.30am</b>	<b>Cross portfolio/corporate/general</b>
<b>11.30am-4.00pm</b>	<b>Outcome 2: Protection, resettlement and temporary safe haven for refugees and people in humanitarian need through partnering with international agencies; assessing humanitarian visa applications; and refugee and humanitarian policy advice and program design.</b>
	Program 2.1 Refugee and humanitarian assistance
	<b>Outcome 3: Lawful entry of people to Australia through border management services involving bona fide traveller facilitation; identity management; document verification; intelligence analysis; partnerships with international and domestic agencies; and border policy advice and program design.</b>
	Program 3.1 Border management

<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Outcome 4: Lawful stay of visa holders and access to citizenship rights for eligible people through promotion of visa compliance responsibilities, status resolution, citizenship acquisition integrity, case management, removal and detention, and policy advice and program design.</b>
	Program 4.1 Visa compliance and status resolution Program 4.2 Onshore detention network Program 4.3 Offshore asylum seeker management Program 4.4 Foreign fishers Program 4.5 Regional cooperation and associated activities Program 4.6 Refugee status determination for offshore entry persons
<b>11.00pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>

**TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2012**

	<b>Immigration and Citizenship Portfolio</b> <i>(in continuation)</i>
<b>9.00am-11.30am</b>	<b>Outcome 4: Lawful stay of visa holders and access to citizenship rights for eligible people through promotion of visa compliance responsibilities, status resolution, citizenship acquisition integrity, case management, removal and detention, and policy advice and program design.</b>
	Program 4.1 Visa compliance and status resolution Program 4.2 Onshore detention network Program 4.3 Offshore asylum seeker management Program 4.4 Foreign fishers Program 4.5 Regional cooperation and associated activities Program 4.6 Refugee status determination for offshore entry persons
<b>11.30am-12.30pm</b>	<b>Office of the Migration Agents Registration Authority*</b> <i>(sub-program 1.1.3)</i>
<b>1.30pm-5.00pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Managed migration through visas granted for permanent settlement, work, study, tourism, working holidays or other specialised activities in Australia, regulation, research and migration policy advice and program design.</b>
	Program 1.1 Visa and migration
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Outcome 5: Equitable economic and social participation of migrants and refugees, supported through settlement services, including English language training; refugee settlement; case coordination; translation services; and settlement policy advice and program design.</b>
	Program 5.1 Settlement services for migrants and refugees
	<b>Outcome 6: A cohesive, multicultural Australian society through promotion of cultural diversity and a unifying citizenship, decisions on citizenship status, and multicultural and citizenship policy advice and program design.</b>
	Program 6.1 Multicultural and citizenship services
	<b>Outcome 4</b> <i>(in continuation, if required)</i>
<b>11.00pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>

**WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 2012**

	<b>Attorney-General's Portfolio</b>
<b>9.00am-3.30pm</b> (	<b>Australian Human Rights Commission</b>
Interstate agencies	<b>Australian Law Reform Commission</b>
	<b>Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre</b>
	<b>Family Court of Australia</b>
	<b>Federal Magistrates Court of Australia</b>
	<b>Federal Court of Australia</b>
	<b>National Native Title Tribunal</b>
	<b>Office of the Australian Information Commissioner</b>
	<b>Attorney-General's Department</b>
	<b>Outcome 1: A just and secure society through the maintenance and improvement of Australia's law and justice framework and its national security and emergency management system</b>
<b>3.45pm-6.30pm</b>	<b>GROUP 1</b> <b>Corporate/cross-portfolio/general</b> <i>(Strategic Policy and Coordination Group—encompassing Strategy and Delivery Division, Office of Corporate Counsel, Corporate Division and Information Division)</i> <i>(Strategy and Delivery Division incorporates the addition of the areas of Privacy and Freedom of Information, which were transferred to the AG's Portfolio from PM&amp;C on 19 October 2011)</i>
<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>GROUP 2</b> <b>Program 1.1 Attorney-General's Department Operating Expenses—Civil Justice and Legal Services</b> <b>Program 1.3 Justice Services</b> <b>Program 1.4 Family Relationships</b> <b>Program 1.5 Indigenous Law and Justice</b> <i>(Civil Justice and Legal Services Group—encompassing Civil Law Division, Access to Justice Division, Social Inclusion Division, Office of Legislative Drafting and Publishing, International Law and Human Rights Division —and some aspects of Strategy and Delivery Division to cover constitutional law aspects)</i>
<b>11.00pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>

**THURSDAY, 24 MAY 2012**

Canberra based agencies	<b>Attorney-General's Portfolio (in continuation)</b>
<b>9.00am-4.00pm</b> (	<b>Australian Customs and Border Protection Service</b>
	<b>Australian Federal Police</b>
	<b>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</b>
<b>4.00pm-6.00pm</b>	<b>Australian Government Solicitor</b>

<b>6.00pm-8.30pm</b>	<b>Australian Crime Commission</b>
	<b>CrimTrac Agency</b>
	<b>Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia</b>
	<b>Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions</b>
<b>8.30pm</b>	<b>Attorney-General's Department (<i>in continuation</i>)</b>  <b>GROUP 3</b> <b>Program 1.2 Attorney-General's Department Operating Expenses—</b> <b>National Security and Criminal Justice</b> <b>Program 1.6 National Security and Criminal Justice</b> <b>Program 1.7 Australian Government Disaster Financial Support Payments</b> <i>(National Security and Criminal Justice Group—encompassing</i> <i>National Security Resilience Policy Division, Emergency</i> <i>Management Australia, National Security Capability Development</i> <i>Division, National Security Law and Policy Division, Criminal Justice</i> <i>Division and International Crime Cooperation Division)</i>
<b>11.00pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>

<b>Proposed breaks</b>	Morning tea	10.30am	10.45am
	Lunch	12.30pm	1.30pm
	Afternoon tea	3.30pm	3.45pm
	Dinner	6.30pm	8.00pm
	Tea Break	9.30pm	9.45pm
	Adjournment	11.00pm	
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