Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

The committee met on Wednesday, 23 May 2012 from 9.00 am to 10.53 pm.

The committee called the:

 department and agencies of the Attorney-General's portfolio, as well as numerous courts, including the Australian Human Rights Commission, the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC), the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, the Family Court of Australia, the Federal Magistrates Court of Australia, the Federal Court of Australia, the National Native Title Tribunal and the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- disability access issues
- the selection process for the new President of the Australian Human Rights Commission
- the copyright inquiry being conducted by the ALRC
- the impact of the efficiency dividend on AUSTRAC
- an error in the proclamation of legislation affecting de-facto property court orders
- funding issues facing the Federal Magistrates Court
- the transfer of the native title claims mediations from the National Native Title Tribunal to the Federal Court
- the Native Title Respondent Funding Scheme
- membership and expertise of the Native Title Tribunal
- the publication of the FOI disclosure log online
- increased in court fees.