The Senate
BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 2011–12**

Monday, 13 February and Tuesday, 14 February 2012

Committee Room 2S3
Parliament House
Canberra ACT

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AGENDA

MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2012

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**
	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
9.30 am	***Program 1.1: Reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions***
	Morning Tea: 10.45–11.00 am
12.30 pm	**Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator**

12.45 pm	**Low Carbon Australia Limited**
	Lunch: 1.00–2.00 pm
2.00 pm	***Program 1.2: Improving Australia's Energy Efficiency***
	Afternoon Tea: 3.45–4.00 pm
4.00 pm	***Program 1.3: Adapting to Climate Change***
5.00 pm	***Program 1.4: Helping to shape a global climate change solution***
	Dinner: 6.00–7.00 pm
7.00 pm	**Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities Portfolio**
	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC)
7.00 pm	**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
7.30 pm	**Bureau of Meteorology**
7.50 pm	**Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority**
8.10 pm	**Director of National Parks**
8.30 pm	***Program 1.1: Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment***
	Tea break: 9.15–9.30 pm
9.30 pm	***Program 1.2: Environmental Information and Research***
	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
10.20 pm	***Program 2.1: Management of Hazardous Wastes, Substances and Pollutants***
10.40 pm	***Program 2.3: Sustainable Communities***
11.00 pm	**ADJOURNMENT**

TUESDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2012

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	***Program 5.1: Conservation of Australia's Heritage***
9.35 am	**Sydney Harbour Federation Trust**
9.45 am	**Office of Supervising Scientist**
10.00 am	***Program 5.2: Environmental Regulation***
	Morning Tea: 10.45–11.00 am
11.00 am	**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**
11.00 am	**Murray-Darling Basin Authority**
	Program 4.1: Water Reform
	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office
	National Water Commission
	Lunch: 1.00–2.00 pm
2.00 pm	**Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Portfolio**
	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE)
2.00 pm	**General questions of the department**
	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
2.30 pm	**Australia Post**
3.15 pm	***Program 1.2: Digital Economy and Postal Services***

	Afternoon Tea: 3.45–4.00 pm
4.00 pm	**Australian Broadcasting Corporation**
5.30 pm	**Special Broadcasting Service**
	Dinner: 6.15–7.15 pm
7.15 pm	**Australian Communications and Media Authority**
7.45 pm	***Program 1.3: Broadcasting and Digital Television***
8.15 pm	***Program 1.1: Broadband and Communications Infrastructure***
	Tea break: 9.00–9.15 pm
9.15 pm	**NBN Co Limited**
11.00 pm	**ADJOURNMENT**

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