

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 2011-12

**Wednesday, 15 February, Thursday 16 February and
Friday, 17 February 2012**

**Committee Room 2R1
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2012

9.00am	Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education
9.00am–10.15am	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
	Outcome 1: Innovative scientific and technology solutions to national challenges and opportunities to benefit industry, the environment and the community, through scientific research and capability development, services and advice
10.15am–10.45am	Office of the Chief Scientist

10.45am–11.15am	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)
	Outcome 1: Improved knowledge, innovative capacity and healthcare through nuclear-based facilities, research, training, products, services and advice to Government, industry, the education sector and the Australian population
11.15am–11.30am	Morning Tea
11.30am–11.45am	Australian Research Council (ARC)
	Outcome 1: Growth of knowledge and innovation through managing research funding schemes, measuring research excellence and providing advice
11.45am–12.45pm	Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (Innovation and Industry)
	Outcome 1: The sustainable development and growth of Australian industry—particularly the manufacturing, services and small business sectors—by encouraging businesses to innovate, collaborate, and commercialise ideas, and by delivering business advice, assistance and services
12.45pm–1.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm–3.35pm	Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (Innovation and Industry with Small Business)*
	Outcome 1: Enhanced opportunities for business innovation and growth through national leadership in converting knowledge and ideas into new processes, services, products and marketable devices; fostering business cooperation; delivering advice; assistance; and business, measurement and online services
<i>(2.55pm–3.35pm)</i>	<i>*Questions relating to small business will be confined to approximately the last half hour of this session*</i>
3.35pm–3.50pm	Afternoon Tea
3.50pm–5.20pm	Department of Innovation, Industry, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (Tertiary Education and Skills, appearing with Skills Australia)
	Outcome 3: A growth in skills, qualifications and productivity through funding to improve teaching quality, learning, and tertiary sector infrastructure, international promotion of Australia’s education and training sectors, and partnerships with industry.
5.20pm–5.50pm	The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)
	Outcome 1: Maintain and enhance quality, diversity and innovation in the Australian higher education sector through nationally consistent regulation and quality assurance.
5.50pm–6.20pm	The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)
	Outcome 1: Contribute to a high quality vocational education and training sector, including through streamlined and nationally consistent regulation of training providers and courses, and the communication of advice to the sector on improvements to the quality of vocational education and training.

6.20pm–7.20pm	<i>Dinner</i>
7.20pm	Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio
7.20pm–8.35pm	Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism [Resources and Energy]
	Outcome 1: The improved strength, competitiveness and sustainability of the resources, energy and tourism industries to enhance Australia's prosperity through implementation of government policy and programs
8.35pm–9.20pm	Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism [Tourism]* <i>appearing with Tourism Australia</i>
	Outcome 1: The improved strength, competitiveness and sustainability of the Resources, Energy and Tourism industries to enhance Australia's prosperity through implementation of government policy and programs
	* <i>Tourism Australia</i>
	Outcome 1: Increase demand for Australia as a destination, strengthen the travel distribution system and contribute to the development of a sustainable tourism industry through consumer marketing, trade development and research activities
9.20pm–9.30pm	<i>Tea Break</i>
9.30pm	Treasury Portfolio
9.30pm–10.30pm	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)
	Outcome 1: Lawful competition, consumer protection, and regulated national infrastructure markets and services through regulation, including enforcement, education, price monitoring and determining the terms of access to infrastructure services
10.30pm–10.45pm	Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)
	Outcome 1: Informed decisions, research and discussion within governments and the community by leading the collection, analysis and provision of high quality, objective and relevant statistical information
10.45pm–11.00pm	Australian Office of Financial Management (AOFM)
	Outcome 1: The advancement of macroeconomic growth and stability, and the effective operation of financial markets, through issuing debt, investing in financial assets and managing debt, investments and cash for the Australian Government
11.00pm (approx)	<i>Adjournment</i>

Proposed breaks	Morning tea	11.15am	11.30am
	Lunch	12.45pm	1.45pm
	Afternoon tea	3.35pm	3.50pm
	Dinner	6.20pm	7.20pm
	Tea Break	9.20pm	9.30pm

THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2012	
9.00am	Treasury Portfolio (cont.)
9.00am–10.45am	Treasury (Macroeconomic Group)
	Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations
10.45am–11.00am	Morning Tea
11.00am–1.00pm	Treasury (Fiscal Group)
	<i>* Please note, questions relating to climate change may be asked during this session</i>
	Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations
1.00pm–2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm–4.00pm	Treasury (Markets Group)
	Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations
4.00pm–4.15pm	Afternoon Tea
4.15pm–6.45pm	Treasury (Revenue Group and ATO)
	Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations
	* Australian Taxation Office (ATO)*
	Outcome 1: Confidence in the administration of aspects of Australia's taxation and superannuation systems through helping people understand their rights and obligations, improving ease of compliance and access to benefits, and managing non-compliance with the law
	<i>* Treasury [Revenue Group] and ATO will be heard together</i>
6.45pm–7.45pm	Dinner
7.45pm–8.45pm	Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)
	Outcome 1: Improved confidence in financial market integrity and protection of investors and consumers through research, policy, education, compliance and deterrence that mitigates emerging risks

8.45pm–9.30pm	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)
	Outcome 1: Enhanced public confidence in Australia's financial institutions through a framework of prudential regulation which balances financial safety and efficiency, competition, contestability and competitive neutrality
9.30pm–9.45pm	Tea Break
9.45pm–10.30pm	Productivity Commission (PC)
	Outcome 1: Well-informed policy decision-making and public understanding on matters relating to Australia's productivity and living standards, based on independent and transparent analysis from a community-wide perspective
10.30pm–11.00pm	Inspector-General of Taxation
	Outcome 1: Improved tax administration through community consultation, review, and independent advice to Government
11.00pm	Adjournment

Proposed breaks	Morning tea	10.45am	11.00am
	Lunch	1.00pm	2.00pm
	Afternoon tea	4.00pm	4.15pm
	Dinner	6.45pm	7.45pm
	Tea Break	9.30pm	9.45pm

FRIDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2012	
9.00am	Treasury Portfolio (cont.)
9.00am–11.00am	Secretary of The Treasury (Dr Martin Parkinson)
11.00am	Adjournment

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