The Senate
BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: **Budget Estimates 2012–13**
Monday, 21 to Thursday, 24 May 2012
and, if required, Friday, 25 May 2012

Committee Room 2S3
Parliament House
Canberra ACT

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AGENDA

Monday, 21 May 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
10.00 am	***Program 1.1: Reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions***
	Clean Energy Regulator
	Morning Tea: 10.45–11.00 am
	Lunch: 1.00–2.00 pm
	Afternoon Tea: 3.45–4.00 pm
5.00 pm	**Low Carbon Australia Limited**
	Dinner: 6.00–7.00 pm

7.00 pm	***Program 1.2: Improving Australia's Energy Efficiency***
	Tea break: 9.00–9.15 pm
9.15 pm	***Program 1.3: Adapting to Climate Change***
10.00 pm	***Program 1.4: Helping to shape a global climate change solution***
11.00 pm	**Adjournment**
<u>Tuesday, 22 May 2012</u>	
9.00 am	**Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities Portfolio**
	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC)
9.00 am	**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
9.45 am	**Bureau of Meteorology**
	Morning Tea: 10.45–11.00 am
11.00 am	**Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority**
12.00 pm	**Director of National Parks**
	Lunch: 1.00–2.00 pm
2.00 pm	***Program 1.1: Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment***
	Afternoon Tea: 3.45–4.00 pm
5.00 pm	***Program 1.2: Environmental Information and Research***
	Dinner: 6.00–7.00 pm
7.00 pm	***Program 1.3*: Carbon Pollution Reduction – Land Sector Initiatives**
	Land Sector Taskforce
8.15 pm	**Outcome 2: Improved sustainability of Australia's population, communities and environment through coordination and development of sustainable population and communities policies, and the reduction and regulation of waste, pollutants and hazardous substances**
8.15 pm	***Program 2.1: Management of Hazardous Wastes, Substances and Pollutants***
	Tea break: 9.00–9.15 pm
9.15 pm	***Program 2.2: Sustainable Communities***

10.00 pm	**Outcome 3: Advancement of Australia's strategic, scientific, environmental and economic interests in the Antarctic by protecting, administering and researching the region**
	Program 3.1: Antarctica: Science, Policy and Presence
11.00 pm	**Adjournment**
<u>Wednesday, 23 May 2012</u>	
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 and Environment***
10.00 am	**Office of Supervising Scientist**
	Morning Tea: 10.45–11.00 am
11.00 am	***Program 5.2: Environmental Regulation***
	Lunch: 1.00–2.00 pm
2.00 pm	**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**
	Murray-Darling Basin Authority
	Program 4.1: Water Reform
	National Water Commission
	Afternoon Tea: 3.45–4.00 pm
5.15 pm	**Outcome 6: Protection and restoration of environmental assets through the management and use of Commonwealth environmental water**
	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office
	Program 6.1: Commonwealth Environmental Water
	Dinner: 6.00–7.00 pm
7.00 pm	**Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Portfolio**
	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE)
	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
7.00 pm	**Special Broadcasting Service**
8:00 pm	**Australian Broadcasting Corporation**
	Tea break: 9.00–9.15 pm
10.00 pm	**Australian Communications and Media Authority**
11.00 pm	**Adjournment**
Thursday, 24 May 2012	
9.00 am	**Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy Portfolio**
	Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE)
9.00 am	**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
10.00 am	**Australia Post**
	Morning Tea: 10.45–11.00 am
12.00 pm	***Program 1.2: Digital Economy and Postal Services***
	Lunch: 1.00–2.00 pm
2.00 pm	***Program 1.3: Broadcasting and Digital Television***
	Afternoon Tea: 3.45–4.00 pm
4.00 pm	***Program 1.1: Broadband and Communications Infrastructure***
	Dinner: 6.00–7.00 pm
7.00 pm	**NBN Co**
	Tea break: 9.00–9.15 pm
11.00 pm	**Adjournment**

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