Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

The committee met on Tuesday, 12 February 2013 from 9.01 am to 6.38 pm.

The committee called the:

 department and agencies of the Finance and Deregulation portfolio, including Medibank Private, the Future Fund Management Agency, ComSuper, the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation, the Australian Electoral Commission and ASC Pty Ltd.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- production of the final budget outcome
- costings of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Gonski education reforms
- redevelopment of the central budget system
- forecast estimates for irregular maritime arrivals and associated asylum costs
- the BoardLinks initiative
- waiver of dentists' debts to Medicare under the former Chronic Disease Dental Scheme
- the appointment of the former Premier of Queensland (Ms Bligh) to the board of Medibank Private
- update on Future Fund holdings in tobacco stocks
- the Future Fund Board of Guardians Governance Sub-committee
- voting arrangements for blind and vision impaired persons
- voting eligibility for people living overseas for longer than six years
- the impact of the announcement of a proposed election date on AEC processes
- implementation of recommendations from the Coles Review into Submarine Sustainment.