

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Public Hearings: BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2012-13
(SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS)**

Monday, 15 and Tuesday, 16 October 2012

**Committee Room 2S3
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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AGENDA

Monday, 15 October 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
9.20 am	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
9.20 am	<i>Program 1.1: Reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions</i>
Morning Tea: 10.45–11.00 am	
12 noon	Clean Energy Regulator
12.45 pm	Climate Change Authority
Lunch: 1.00–2.00 pm	
2.15 pm	<i>Program 1.2: Improving Australia's Energy Efficiency</i>
Afternoon Tea: 3.45–4.00 pm	

4.00 pm	<i>Program 1.3: Adapting to Climate Change</i>
5.00 pm	<i>Program 1.4: Helping to shape a global climate change solution</i>
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
7.20 pm	Bureau of Meteorology
7.40 pm	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
8.15 pm	Director of National Parks
8.30 pm	<i>Program 1.1: Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment</i>
Tea break: 9.00–9.15 pm	
9.40 pm	<i>Program 1.2: Environmental Information and Research</i>
10.00 pm	<i>Program 1.3: Carbon Pollution Reduction – Land Sector Initiatives</i>
	Land Sector Taskforce
10.20 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
10.20 pm	<i>Program 2.1: Management of Hazardous Wastes, Substances and Pollutants</i>
10.45 pm	<i>Program 2.2: Sustainable Communities</i>
11.00 pm	Adjournment
<u>Tuesday, 16 October 2012</u>	
9.00 am	Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities Portfolio
	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC)
9.00 am	Outcome 3: Advancement of Australia's strategic, scientific, environmental and economic interests in the Antarctic by protecting, administering and researching the region
9.00 am	<i>Program 3.1: Antarctica: Science, Policy and Presence</i>

9.20 am	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
9.20 am	<i>Program 5.1: Conservation of Australia's Heritage and Environment</i>
9.40 am	Office of Supervising Scientist
10.00 am	<i>Program 5.2: Environmental Regulation</i>
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
11.00 am	<i>Program 4.1: Water Reform</i>
12.20 pm	Outcome 6: Protection and restoration of environmental assets through the management and use of Commonwealth environmental water
12.20 pm	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office
12.20 pm	<i>Program 6.1: Commonwealth Environmental Water</i>
12.40 pm	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
2.20 pm	Australia Post
3.05 pm	<i>Program 1.2: Digital Economy and Postal Services</i>
Afternoon Tea: 3.35–3.50 pm	
3.50 pm	Special Broadcasting Service
4.20 pm	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
5.15 pm	Australian Communications and Media Authority
Dinner: 6.00–7.00 pm	
7.00 pm	Telecommunications Universal Service Management Authority
7.30 pm	<i>Program 1.3: Broadcasting and Digital Television</i>

8.00 pm	<i>Program 1.1: Broadband and Communications Infrastructure</i>
8.30 pm	NBN Co
Tea break: 9.00–9.15 pm	
11.00 pm	Adjournment

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