

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2012 – 13 (SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS)

Public Hearings, Parliament House, Canberra

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GROUP B*

Wednesday, 17 and Thursday, 18 October 2012

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Senate Economics Legislation Committee

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Senate Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

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Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

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Hearing on Cross-Portfolio Indigenous Matters

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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GROUP A*

Monday, 29 October 2012 (Additional hearing)

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

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(*Journals of the Senate: No. 62 – 2 November 2011, p1707-1708*)

*Groupings A and B agreed to on 2 November 2011 (*Journals of the Senate: No. 62 – 2 November 2011, p1707-1708*)

+ (*Journals of the Senate: No. 22 – 26 August 2008, p683*)

Thursday, 18 October 2012

SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Families, Housing, Community Services
and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio**

**Department of Families, Housing, Community Services
and Indigenous Affairs¹**

- 9:00am – 10:15am** **Cross Portfolio/Corporate Matters**
Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT)
- 10:15am* *Break*
- 10:30 – 11:30am** **Outcome 1 Families and Children**
Program 1.1: Family Support
Program 1.2: Family Tax Benefit
Program 1.3: Parent and Baby Payments
- 11:30am – 12:45pm** **Outcome 2 Housing**
Program 2.1: Housing Assistance and Homelessness
Program 2.2: Affordable Housing
- 12:45pm* *Lunch*
- 1:45pm – 3:00pm** **Outcome 3 Community Capability and the Vulnerable**
Program 3.1: Financial Management
Program 3.2: Community Investment
Program 3.3: Income Support for Vulnerable People
Program 3.4: Support for People in Special Circumstances
Program 3.5: Supplementary Payments and Support for Income
Support Recipients
- 3:00pm – 3:45pm** **Outcome 4 Seniors**
Program 4.1 Income Support for Seniors
Program 4.2 Allowances, Concessions and Services for Seniors
- 3:45pm* *Break*
- 4:00pm – 6:00pm** **Outcome 5 Disability and Carers**
Program 5.1: Targeted Community Care
Program 5.2: Disability Support Pension
Program 5.3: Income Support for Carers
Program 5.4: Services and Support for People with Disability
Program 5.5: Support for Carers

¹ Issues relating to Outcome 7: Indigenous, are scheduled on the Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters hearing program on Friday 1 June 2012.

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Program 5.6: National Disability Insurance Scheme
 Program 5.7: Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability
 National Disability Launch Transition Agency

6:00pm – 6:30pm **Outcome 6 Women**
 Program 6.1 Gender Equality for Women
 Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency (EOWA)

6:30pm *Dinner*

Human Services Portfolio

Department of Human Services

7:30pm – 8:00pm Australian Hearing

8:00pm – 9:00pm **Outcome 1**
Corporate
 CIO Group

9:00pm *Break*

9:15pm – 10:30pm **Program 1.1: Services to the Community**
 Customer services
 Customer services
 Government program implementation
 Compliance

10:30pm – 11:00pm **Program 1.2: Child Support**

Proposed breaks	Morning tea	10:15am	10:30am
	Lunch	12:45pm	1:45pm
	Afternoon tea	3:45pm	4:00pm
	Dinner	6:30pm	7:30pm
	Evening Break	9:00pm	9:15pm

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Thursday, 18 October 2012

SENATE ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

- 8.45 am **Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio**
- 8.45 am – 9.30 am **Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism**
[with Tourism Australia]
Outcome 1 (RET): 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.
- Outcome 1 (Tourism Australia): 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.**
- 9.30 am – 10 am **Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism**
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.
- 10 am – 10.15 am **Australian Solar Institute (ASI)**
Outcome 1: Encourage innovation and cost effective developments in solar energy technologies to accelerate commercial deployment through knowledge building and collaborative research, development and support for Australian industries and research institutions.
- 10.15 am – 10.30 am **Geoscience Australia**
Outcome 1: Informed government, industry and community decision on the economic, social and environmental management of the nation's natural resources through enabling access to geo-scientific and spatial information.
- 10.30 am – 10.50 am **National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA)**
Outcome 1: Promote and enforce the effective management of risks to the workforce, the environment and the structural integrity of facilities, wells and well-related equipment of the Australian offshore petroleum and greenhouse gas storage industries through regulatory oversight.
- 10.50 am – 11.05 am *Morning Tea*

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11.05 am

Treasury Portfolio

11.05 am – 1.05 pm

The 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.

1.05 pm – 2.05 pm

Lunch

2.05 pm – 4.05 pm

The Treasury – Fiscal group

(Any questions on climate change should be asked at the start of this session).

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.

4.05 pm – 4.20 pm

Afternoon tea

4.20 pm – 6.20 pm

The Treasury – Markets group

[appearing with the Foreign Investments Board (FIRB) and the Government Actuary]

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.

6.20 pm – 7.20 pm

Dinner

7.20 pm – 9.35 pm

The Treasury – Revenue group

[appearing with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and the Australian Valuation Office (AVO)]

Outcome 1 (Treasury): 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.

Outcome 1 (ATO): 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.

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9.35 pm – 9.50 pm *Tea break*

9.50 pm –10.05 pm **Inspector-General of Taxation**
Outcome 1: Improved tax administration through community consultation, review, and independent advice to government.

10.05 pm – 11.10 pm **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)**
Outcome 1: Improved confidence in Australia's financial markets through promoting informed investors and financial consumers, facilitating fair and efficient markets and delivering efficient registry systems.

11.10 pm *Adjournment*

Proposed breaks	Morning tea	10.50am	11.05am
	Lunch	1.05pm	2.05pm
	Afternoon tea	4.05pm	4.20pm
	Dinner	6.20pm	7.20pm
	Tea Break	9.35pm	9.50pm

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Thursday, 18 October 2012

SENATE EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE

(Education)

**Education, Employment & Workplace
Relations Portfolio (cont.)**

9:00am – 10:30am

Cross Portfolio

10:45am – 2:00pm

Portfolio Agencies:

10:45am*

Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority

1:30pm

Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership

2:00pm-9:15pm

Outcome 2 – *Improved learning and literacy, numeracy and educational attainment for school students, through funding for quality teaching and learning environments, workplace learning and career advice.*

2:00pm

Program 2.1: Government Schools National Support
Program 2.10: More support for students with disabilities
Students with Disabilities (COPE)
Students with Disabilities (Non-Government)

3:15pm*

Program 2.2: Non-Government Schools National Support
Schools Assistance Act 2008
Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000
Recurrent Grants – Non-government
Capital Grants – Non-government
English as a Second Language – New Arrivals – Non-government
Enrolment trends – Non-government
Indigenous Youth Mobility Program
Indigenous Youth Leadership Program
Sporting Chance Academies

4:15pm

Program 2.3: Schools Support
Teach Next
National Trade Cadetship
Online Diagnostic Tools
Australian Baccalaureate
Indigenous Ranger Cadetships
National Asian Languages in Schools
Grants and Awards
National Schools Chaplaincy Program
Helping Children with Autism
Quality Outcomes
Framework for Open Learning
Local Schools Working Together
Student Resilience and Wellbeing
Review of School Funding

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	One Laptop Per Child Maths and Science Participation Indigenous Education
5:00pm	<u>Program 2.8: Smarter Schools - Low SES School Communities National Partnership</u>
5:15pm	<u>Program 2.4: Trade Training Centres</u> Trade Training Centres (Non-government)
5:30pm	<u>Program 2.5: Digital Education Revolution</u> Digital Education Revolution Project Pool Digital Education Revolution (Non-Government)
5:45pm*	<u>Program 2.6: National Action Plan on Literacy and Numeracy</u> National Action Plan on Literacy and Numeracy
7:30pm	<u>Program 2.7: Education Infrastructure (referred to as Building the Education Revolution)</u>
8:00pm	<u>Program 2.12: School Student Assistance</u> ABSTUDY – Secondary ABSTUDY –Tertiary Assistance for Isolated Children Youth Allowance – Secondary Superannuation Benefits for Aboriginal Tutor Assistance Scheme
8:30pm	<u>Program 2.13: Empowering Local Schools</u> Empowering Local Schools Empowering Local Schools (Non-government)
8:45pm*	<u>Program 2.14: Rewards for School Improvement</u> Rewards for School Improvement Rewards for School Improvement (Non-government)
	<u>Program 2.15: National Rewards for Great Teachers</u> National Rewards for Great Teachers
9:15pm – 11:00pm	Outcome 1 – <i>Improved access to quality services that support early childhood learning and care for children through a national quality framework, agreed national standards, investment in infrastructure, and support for parents, carers, services and the workforce</i>
9:15pm*	<u>Program 1.1: Support for the Child Care System</u> Child Care Services Support Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance (JETCCFA)
10:00pm	<u>Program 1.2: Child Care Fee Assistance</u> Child Care Benefit Child Care Rebate
10:30pm	<u>Program 1.3: Early Childhood Education</u> Early Childhood Education - Universal Access

*includes proposed break

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Thursday, 18 October 2012

SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

9.00am – 11.00pm **Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio**

9.00am – 4.30pm **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (general)
Portfolio Overview**

Outcome 1: The advancement of Australia's international strategic, security and economic interests including through bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement on Australian Government foreign and trade policy priorities.

Program 1.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Operations

North Asia

South-East Asia

Americas

Africa

Europe

South and West Asia, Middle East

Pacific

International Organisations and Legal Issues

National Security, Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

Services to Other Agencies

Services to Diplomatic/Consular Representatives

Program 1.2: Payments to International Organisations
(Administered)

Program 1.3: Public Information Services and Public Diplomacy

Outcome 2: The protection and welfare of Australians abroad and access to secure international travel documentation through timely and responsive travel advice and consular and passport services in Australia and overseas.

Program 2.1: Consular Services

Program 2.2: Passport Services

Outcome 3: A secure Australian Government presence overseas through the provision of security services and information and communications technology infrastructure, and the management of the Commonwealth's overseas owned estate.

Program 3.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Operations

Program 3.2: Overseas Property

4.30pm – 6.30pm **Trade Programs** *[All DFAT trade programs are dealt with in conjunction with Austrade and EFIC]*

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Bilateral, regional and multilateral trade negotiations
Trade development/policy coordination & Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC)

Australian Trade Commission

Outcome 1: Advance Australia's trade, investment and education promotion interests through information, advice and services to business, education sector and governments.

Program 1.1: Trade, education and investment promotion.

Program 1.2: Trade development schemes—Export Market Development Grants (EMDG)

Outcome 2: The protection and welfare of Australians abroad through timely and responsive consular and passport services in specific locations overseas.

Program 2.1: Consular and passport services

7.30pm –11.00pm **Australian Agency for International Development**

Outcome 1: To assist developing countries to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development, in line with Australia's national interest

Program 1.1: Official development assistance—PNG and Pacific.

Program 1.2: Official development assistance—East Asia.

Program 1.3: Official development assistance—Africa, South and Central Asia, Middle East and other.

Program 1.4: Official development assistance—Emergency, humanitarian and refugee program.

Program 1.5: Official development assistance—Multilateral replenishments.

Program 1.6: Official development assistance—UN, Commonwealth and other international organisations.

Program 1.7: Official development assistance—NGO, volunteer and community programs.

Outcome 2: Australia's national interest advanced by implementing a partnership between Australia and Indonesia for reconstruction and development.

Program 2.1: East Asia.

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	Tea Break	9.00pm	9.15pm

Committee Chair: Senator Anne McEwen, Chair of the Committee for the committee's consideration of the 2012-13 Supplementary Budget Estimates, 17 and 18 October 2012

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Friday, 19 October 2012

SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearing: Hearing on Cross Portfolio Indigenous matters pursuant to Senate Resolution of 26 August 2008

[*Journals of the Senate: No. 22 – 26 August 2008, p 683*]

**Main Committee Room
Parliament House, Canberra ACT**

To be televised on Channel 10, Radio 92.7

http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament

Time	Themes/Issues	Department(s)/Agencies required
8:30am	General Matters	Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)
9:00am	<p>Closing the Gap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COAG National Indigenous Reform Agreement: implementation ▪ Remote Service Delivery <p>Northern Territory Emergency Response and Stronger Futures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alice Springs Transformation Plan 	<p>Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)</p> <p>Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services</p> <p>Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)</p> <p>Outback Stores</p>
10:15am	<p>Northern Land Council (NLC)</p> <p>Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC)</p>	<p>Northern Land Council (NLC)</p> <p>Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC)</p>
10:45am	Break	
11:00am	<p>Health issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Financial Matters ▪ Progress with Indigenous health initiatives including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services ○ hearing health ○ mental health (including Indigenous Suicide Strategy/ Suicide Prevention Action Plan) ○ dental ○ petrol sniffing ○ dialysis ○ community health centres 	<p>Health and Ageing (DoHA)</p> <p>Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)</p>

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12:45pm	Lunch Break	
1:15pm	Employment and economic development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indigenous Employment Program ▪ Learn Earn Legend ▪ Australian Employment Covenant² Aboriginals Benefit Account Remote Jobs and Communities Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CDEP 	Outcome 3.2 - Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), and Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)
2:15pm	Indigenous Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) ▪ National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing ▪ Indigenous Home Ownership 	Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) Indigenous Business Australia
4.00pm	Committee adjourns	
Proposed breaks	Morning tea	10:45am - 11:00am
	Lunch	12:45pm - 1:15pm

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² we are advised that this is not a program as such; it is an initiative run by a private company which receives funding from other sources – DEEWR contributes funding through the Indigenous Employment Program
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Monday, 29 October 2012

SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Senator the Hon
Penny Wong

Finance and Deregulation Portfolio

5.30pm-6.45pm

Future Fund Management Agency (*in continuation*)

Outcome 1: Make provision for the Commonwealth's unfunded superannuation liabilities and payments for the creation and development of infrastructure, by managing the operational activities of the Future Fund and Nation Building Funds, in line with the Government's investment mandates

Program 1.1—Management of the investment of the Future Fund

Program 1.2—Management of the investment of the Building
Australia Fund, Education Investment Fund and Health
and Hospitals Fund

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