



# Senate Daily Summary

## 2007-08 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES

Tuesday, 19 February 2008

### Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee

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**Portfolios allocated:** Broadband, Communications, and the Digital Economy;  
Environment, Water Heritage and the Arts  
For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 9.04am until 11.00pm.

The committee **called** the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

The committee will next meet on Friday, 22 February 2008, recalling the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio, commencing with the department, outcome 3 – water resources.

### Finance and Public Administration Committee

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**Portfolios allocated:** Finance and Deregulation; Human Services; Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet  
For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 9.02am until 11.00pm.

The committee:

- **called** agencies of Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio, including: the Australian Public Service Commission, the Australian National Audit Office and the Australian Institute of Family Studies;
- **called** the department and agencies of the Finance and Deregulation portfolio, including the Australian Electoral Commission; and
- **called** the Department of Human Services.

The committee will next meet on Friday, 22 February 2008, recalling departments and agencies from across its portfolio allocation, commencing with the Future Fund Management Agency.

## **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

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**Portfolios allocated:** Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship  
For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 9.00am until 11.02pm.

The committee:

- ❑ **called** the department and agencies of the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio, including: the Migration Agents Registration Authority, the Refugee Review Tribunal and the Migration Review Tribunal; and
- ❑ **concluded** its hearings.

## **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee**

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**Portfolios allocated:** Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government  
For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 9.00am until 11.03pm.

The committee:

- ❑ **called** the department and agencies of the Transport and Regional Services portfolio, including: the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics, AusLink, Maritime and Land Transport, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, Aviation and Airports, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, Airservices Australia, Regional Services, the Office of Transport Security and the Inspector of Transport Security;
- ❑ **called** the department and agencies of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio, including: the Australian Fisheries Management Authority; and
- ❑ **concluded** its hearings.

Committees will meet on Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 February 2008 as follows:

### **Community Affairs Committee** ([program](#))

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs  
Health and Ageing

### **Economics Committee** ([program](#))

Innovation, Industry, Science and Research  
Resources, Energy and Tourism  
Treasury

### **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee** ([program](#))

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### **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee** ([program](#))

Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)  
Foreign Affairs and Trade

**Related links**

*Portfolio budget statements* and related papers can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 6277 3010) and on the [Internet](#).

[General information](#) about the consideration of the 2007-08 additional estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference etc.) is available on the Senate website.

[A program](#) for each committee is available on the Senate website and will be updated as necessary.

*Committee proceedings* can be viewed on the [Internet](#)

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*The Senate Daily Summary*, published each day after the committees meet, gives an overview of the progress made by committees and the business they expect to consider the next day.

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