



Senate Daily Summary

2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Wednesday, 28 May 2008

Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee

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 and agencies of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio, including the Bureau of Meteorology, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, the Office of Supervising Scientist, and the Director of National Parks.

The committee will meet on Thursday, 29 May 2008 in Senate Committee Room 2S3, again calling the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio, commencing with the department.

Finance and Public Administration Committee

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

The committee met from 9.02am until 9.20pm.

The committee called:

- the department and agencies of the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio, including the Australian National Audit Office; and
- the department and agencies of the Finance and Deregulation portfolio, including Medibank Private Ltd, Comsuper, the Australian Reward Investment Alliance and the Future Fund Management Agency.

The committee will meet on Thursday, 29 May 2008 in Senate Committee Room 2S1, calling:

- the Finance and Deregulation portfolio, commencing with the Australian Electoral Commission;
- the Human Services portfolio, commencing with the department; and
- the Department of Climate Change.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

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

The committee met from 9.00am until 11.00pm.

The committee called the department and agencies of the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio, including the Refugee Review Tribunal and the Migration Review Tribunal.

The committee will meet on Thursday, 29 May 2008 in the Main Committee Room, again calling the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio, commencing with the department.

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee

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 11.00pm.

The committee called the department and agencies of the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government portfolio, including the Inspector of Transport Security, the Office of Transport Security, the Civil Aviation Authority, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, Airservices Australia, the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics and the Australian Rail Track Corporation.

The committee will meet on Thursday, 29 May 2008 in House of Representatives Committee Room 2R1, again calling the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government portfolio, commencing with the department.

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 2008-09 budget estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference etc.) is available on the Senate web page.

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

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

Committee Hansards can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 6277 3010) and on the [Internet](#) (when available)

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