# Senate Daily Summary

# 2008-09 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES Monday, 23 February 2009

# **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 9.00am until 10.25pm.

### The committee called:

- □ the department and agencies of the Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy portfolio, including Australia Post, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, the Special Broadcasting Service and the Australian Communications and Media Authority; and
- □ the department and agencies of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio, including the Australia Council and Screen Australia.

The committee will next meet on Tuesday, 24 February 2009 in Senate Committee Room 2S3, again calling the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio, commencing with the Bureau of Meteorology.

# **Finance and Public Administration Committee**

**Portfolios allocated:** Finance and Deregulation; Human Services; Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet

For current information about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.50pm.

## The committee called:

□ the Department of the Senate and the Department of Parliamentary Services; and

the department and agencies of the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio, including the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, the Australian National Audit Office, the Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner, the Australian Public Service Commission, the Department of Climate Change and the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator.

The committee will next meet on Tuesday, 24 February 2009 in Senate Committee Room 2S1, calling:

- □ the department and agencies of the Finance and Deregulation portfolio, commencing with the department; and
- □ the department and agencies of the Human Services portfolio, commencing with the department.

# **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 11.30pm.

The committee **called** the department and agencies of the Attorney-General's portfolio, including the Australian Human Rights Commission, the Family Court of Australia, the Federal Court of Australia, the Federal Magistrates Court, the Australian Law Reform Commission, the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, the National Native Title Tribunal, the Australian Federal Police, the Australian Crime Commission, the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service, the High Court of Australia and the Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia.

The committee will next meet on Tuesday, 24 February 2009 in the Main Committee Room, calling the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio, commencing with the Migration Agents Registration Authority.

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

**Portfolios allocated:** Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government For <u>current information</u> about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.45pm.

The committee **called** the department and agencies of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio, including Wheat Exports Australia, Land and Water Australia, the Australian Fisheries Management Authority, the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service, Biosecurity Australia, the Australian Wool Innovation, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, the Grains Research and Development Corporation, Meat and Livestock Australia and the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics

The committee will next meet on Tuesday, 24 February 2009 in House of Representatives Committee Room 2R1, 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.

<u>General information</u> about the consideration of the 2008-09 additional estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference etc.) is available on the Senate web page.

<u>A program</u> for each of the committees listed below 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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### **Further information**

Senate Briefs, prepared by the Senate Procedure Office, provide general information about the estimates process:

No. 4: Senate Committees

No. 5: Consideration of Estimates by the Senate Committees

No. 13: Rights and Responsibilities of Witnesses before Senate Committees

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