

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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### ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 2012 – 13 <sup>#</sup>

Public Hearings, Parliament House, Canberra

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Updated Thursday, 14 February 2013

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### GROUP B\*

# Wednesday, 13 and Thursday, 14 February 2013

**Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**  
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**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**  
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Friday, 15 February 2013

**Hearing on Cross-Portfolio Indigenous Matters <sup>+</sup>**  
**Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**  
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# (Journals of the Senate: No. 121 – 1 November 2012, p3239)

\* Groupings A and B agreed to on 1 November 2012 (Journals of the Senate: No. 121 – 1 November 2012, p3239)

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

Thursday, 14 February 2013

SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services  
and Indigenous Affairs<sup>1</sup>

- 9:00am – 10:15am**    **Cross Portfolio/Corporate Matters**
- 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  
Australian Institute of Family Studies
- 11:30am – 12:45pm**    **Outcome 2 Housing**  
Program 2.1: Housing Assistance and Homelessness  
Program 2.2: Affordable Housing
- 12:45pm*                *Lunch*
- 1:45pm – 3:15pm**    **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
- 3:15pm – 3:30pm**    **Outcome 4 Seniors**  
Program 4.1: Income Support for Seniors  
Program 4.2: Allowances, Concessions and Services for Seniors
- 3:30pm*                *Break*
- 3:45pm – 6:15pm**    **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  
Program 5.6: National Disability Insurance Scheme  
Program 5.7: Early Intervention Services for Children with Disability  
National Disability Insurance Scheme Launch Transition Agency

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<sup>1</sup> Issues relating to Outcome 7: Indigenous, are scheduled on the Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters hearing program on Friday 15 February 2013.

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**6:15pm – 6:45pm**      **Outcome 6 Women**  
Program 6.1: Gender Equality for Women  
Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA)<sup>2</sup>

**6:45pm**                      *Dinner*

## **Human Services Portfolio**

### **Department of Human Services**

**7:45pm – 8:45pm**      **Outcome 1**  
**Corporate**  
CIO Group

**8:45pm**                      *Break*

**9:00pm – 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**

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	Lunch	12.45pm – 1.45pm
	Afternoon tea	3.30pm – 3.45pm
	Dinner	6.45pm – 7.45pm
	Tea break	8.45pm – 9.00pm

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<sup>2</sup> Formerly known as the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency (EOWA).  
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SENATE ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio**

**9.00 – 10.20 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.

**10.20 – 10.50 am**     **Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism**  
[with Geoscience 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 (Geoscience Australia): 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.

*10.50 – 11.05 am*     *Morning tea break*

**Treasury Portfolio (*continued*)**

**11.05 am – 1.05 pm**     **The Treasury – Macroeconomic group**  
*(Dr Parkinson will be present during 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.

*1.05 – 2.05 pm*     *Lunch break*

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- 2.05 – 4.05 pm**      **The Treasury – Fiscal group**  
 [appearing with the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)]  
 (*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 – 4.20 pm      *Afternoon tea break*
- 4.20 – 6.20 pm**      **The Treasury – Markets 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.
- 6.20 – 7.20 pm      *Dinner break*
- 7.20 – 7.35 pm**      **Inspector-General of Taxation**  
 Outcome 1: Improved tax administration through community consultation, review, and independent advice to government.
- 7.35 – 9.50 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.
- 9.50 – 10.05 pm      *Evening tea break*
- 10.05 – 10.45 pm**      **Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)**  
 Outcome 1: Enhanced public confidence in Australia's financial institutions through a framework of prudential regulation that balances financial safety and efficiency, competition, contestability and competitive neutrality.

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**10.45 – 11.00 pm**     **Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)**  
Outcome 1: Informed decisions, research and discussion within governments and the community by leading the collection, analysis and provision of high quality, objective and relevant statistical information.

*11.00 pm*                 *Adjournment*

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	Tea Break	9.50pm – 10.05pm

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SENATE EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Education Portfolio**

**Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**

**Cross Portfolio**

9:00am–

10:00am

10:00am –

11:35pm

**Outcome 1** – *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*

10:00am\*

Program 1.1: Support for the Child Care System

Child Care Services Support

Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance (JETCCFA)

10:45am

Program 1.2: Child Care Fee Assistance

Child Care Benefit

Child Care Rebate

11:10am

Program 1.3: Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood Education – Universal Access

11:35pm–

2:45pm

**Portfolio Agencies**

11:35pm\*

**Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority**

Program 1.1 – National Curriculum

Program 1.2 – National Data Collection and Reporting

Program 1.3 – National Assessment

2:15pm

**Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership**

Program 1.1 – Assistance for Quality Teaching and Learning

2:45pm–

11:00pm

**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.*

2:45pm

Program 2.1: Government Schools National Support

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

Indigenous Youth Mobility Program

Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

Sporting Chance Academies

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4:00pm	<u>Program 2.3: Schools Support</u> Teach Next National Trade Cadetship Online Diagnostic Tools Australian Baccalaureate Indigenous Ranger Cadetships National Asian Languages in Schools Grants and Awards National School Chaplaincy Program Helping Children with Autism Quality Outcomes Framework for Open Learning Local Schools Working Together Student Resilience and Wellbeing Review of School Funding One Laptop Per Child Maths and Science participation Indigenous Education
5:00pm	<u>Program 2.4: Trade Training</u> Trade Training Centres (Non-government)
5:15pm	<u>Program 2.5: Digital Education Revolution</u> Digital Education Revolution Project Pool Digital Education Revolution (Non-Government)
5:30pm	<u>Program 2.6: National Action Plan on Literacy and Numeracy</u> National Action Plan on Literacy and Numeracy
6:15pm*	<u>Program 2.7: Education Infrastructure (referred to as Building the Education Revolution)</u>
7:30pm	<u>Program 2.8: Smarter Schools - Low SES School Communities National Partnership</u> <u>Program 2.9: Smarter Schools - Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership</u>
8:00pm	<u>Program 2.10: More support for students with disabilities</u> Students with Disabilities (COPE) Students with Disabilities (Non-Government)
8:30pm	<u>Program 2.11: Youth Support</u> Youth Attainment and Transitions National Partnership Youth Engagement National Youth Affairs Research Component
8:45pm	<u>Program 2.13: Empowering Local Schools</u> Empowering Local Schools Empowering Local Schools (Non-government)
9:00pm	<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

**Additional Information**

\* includes proposed break

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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

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**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**

**Trade Programs**

**Bilateral, regional and multilateral trade negotiations**

**Trade development/policy coordination & Asia-Pacific**

**Economic Cooperation and Export Finance and Insurance**

**Corporation (EFIC)**

**Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)**

**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 (AusAID)**

**Portfolio Overview**

**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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**Friday, 15 February 2013**

**SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**HEARING ON CROSS-PORTFOLIO INDIGENOUS MATTERS**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Themes/Issues</b>	<b>Department(s)/Agencies required</b>
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>General Matters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aboriginal Land Rights Act</li> </ul>	Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)
<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Closing the Gap</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ COAG National Indigenous Reform Agreement: implementation</li> <li>▪ Remote Service Delivery</li> </ul> <b>Stronger Futures</b>	Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)  Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services  Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)
<b>10:45am</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Agencies</b>  <b>Indigenous Land Corporation</b>  <b>Indigenous Business Australia</b>  <b>Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC)</b>	Indigenous Land Corporation  Indigenous Business Australia  Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC)
<b>11:45am</b>	<b>Health issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General Financial Matters</li> <li>▪ Progress with Indigenous health initiatives including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services</li> <li>○ hearing health</li> <li>○ mental health (including Indigenous Suicide Strategy/ Suicide Prevention Action Plan)</li> <li>○ dental</li> <li>○ alcohol management</li> <li>○ petrol sniffing</li> <li>○ smoking strategies</li> <li>○ dialysis</li> <li>○ health plan</li> <li>○ health partnership</li> <li>○ aged care</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Health and Ageing (DoHA)  Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)

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