

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2013–14

Monday, 24 and Tuesday, 25 February 2014

**Committee Room 2S3
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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AGENDA

MONDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2014

Time Environment Portfolio

9.00 am	Department of the Environment
9.00 am – 9.15 am	General questions of the Department
9.15 am – 9.45 am	Bureau of Meteorology
	Outcome 2: Improved sustainability of Australia's population, communities and environment through coordination and development of sustainable population and communities policies, and the reduction and regulation of waste, pollutants and hazardous substances
9.45 am – 10.05 am	<i>Program 2.1: Management of Hazardous Wastes, Substances and Pollutants</i>
10.05 am – 10.20 am	<i>Program 2.2: Sustainable Communities</i>
	Outcome 3: Advancement of Australia's strategic, scientific, environmental and economic interests in the Antarctic by protecting, administering and researching the region
10.20 am – 10.40 am	<i>Program 3.1: Antarctica: Science, Policy and Presence</i>
10.40am – 10.55 am	<i>Morning tea</i>

	Outcome 4: Adaptation to climate change, wise water use, secure water supplies and improved health of rivers, waterways and freshwater ecosystems by supporting research, and reforming the management and use of water resources
10.55 am – 11.40 am	Murray-Darling Basin Authority <i>Program 4.1: Water Reform</i>
	Outcome 6: Protection and restoration of environmental assets through the management and use of Commonwealth environmental water
11.40 am – 11.55 am	Commonwealth Environmental Water Office
11.55 am – 12.10 pm	<i>Program 6.1: Commonwealth Environmental Water</i> National Water Commission
	Outcome 7: Reduction of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions, adaptation to the impacts of climate change, and contribution towards the negotiation of an effective global solution to climate change, through the development and implementation of a national response to climate change
12.10 pm – 12.45 pm	<i>Program 7.1: Reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions</i>
12.45 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm – 2.15 pm	<i>Program 7.1: Reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions (continued)</i>
2.15 pm – 2.45 pm	Clean Energy Regulator
2.45 pm – 3.30 pm	<i>Program 7.2: Adapting to Climate Change</i>
3.30 pm – 3.45 pm	Afternoon tea
3.45 pm – 4.15 pm	<i>Program 7.2: Adapting to Climate Change (continued)</i>
	Outcome 5: Increased protection, awareness and appreciation of Australia's environment and heritage through regulating matters of national environmental significance and the identification, conservation and celebration of natural, Indigenous and historic places of national and World Heritage significance
4.15 pm – 4.30 pm	Office of Supervising Scientist
	Outcome 1: The conservation and protection of Australia's terrestrial and marine biodiversity and ecosystems through supporting research, developing information, supporting natural resource management, and establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas
4.30 pm – 4.45 pm	Director of National Parks
	Outcome 5: Increased protection, awareness and appreciation of Australia's environment and heritage through regulating matters of national environmental significance and the identification, conservation and celebration of natural, Indigenous and historic places of national and World Heritage significance (in continuation)
4.45 pm – 5.25 pm	<i>Program 5.1: Conservation of Australia's Heritage and Environment</i>
5.25 pm – 6.00 pm	<i>Program 5.2: Environmental Regulation</i>
6.00 pm – 7.00 pm	Dinner
7.00 pm – 7.40 pm	<i>Program 5.2: Environmental Regulation (continued)</i>
7.40 pm – 8.25 pm	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

	Outcome 1: The conservation and protection of Australia's terrestrial and marine biodiversity and ecosystems through supporting research, developing information, supporting natural resource management, and establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas
8.25 pm – 9.00 pm	<i>Program 1.1: Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment</i>
9.00 pm – 9.15 pm	<i>Tea break</i>
9.15 pm – 9.40 pm	<i>Program 1.1: Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment (continued)</i>
9.40 pm – 10.00 pm	<i>Program 1.2: Environmental Information and Research</i>
10.00 pm – 10.20 pm	<i>Program 1.3: Carbon Pollution Reduction – Land Sector Initiatives</i>
10.20 pm – 11.00 pm	Climate Change Authority
11.00 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>

TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2014

Time Communications Portfolio

9.00 am	Department of Communications
9.00 am – 9.20 am	General questions of the Department
	Outcome 1—Develop a vibrant, sustainable and internationally competitive broadband, broadcasting and communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, which promotes the digital economy for all Australians
9.20 am – 10.20 am	Australian Communications and Media Authority
10.20 am – 11.00 am	<i>Program 1.1: Broadband and Communications Infrastructure</i>
11.00 am – 11.15 am	<i>Morning tea</i>
11.15 am – 11.35 am	<i>Program 1.1: Broadband and Communications Infrastructure (continued)</i>
11.35 am – 1.00 pm	NBN Co
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2.00 pm – 3.50 pm	NBN Co (continued)
3.50 pm – 4.05 pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
4.05 pm – 6.05 pm	Australia Post
6.05 pm – 7.05 pm	<i>Dinner</i>
7.05 pm – 7.50 pm	<i>Program 1.2: Digital Economy and Postal Services</i>
7.50 pm – 8.50 pm	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
8.50 pm – 9.05 pm	<i>Tea break</i>
9.05 pm – 9.35 pm	Australian Broadcasting Corporation (continued)
9.35 pm – 10.30 pm	Special Broadcasting Service
10.30 pm – 11.00 pm	<i>Program 1.3: Broadcasting and Digital Television</i>
11.00 pm	<i>Adjournment</i>

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