Senate Economics Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates 2016-17
Thursday, 2 March 2017
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Economics Legislation Committee Estimates.

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.41pm

The committee called:

- agencies of the Treasury portfolio, including the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) and the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman (ASBFEO);

- the department and agencies of the Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio including the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO), the Anti-Dumping Commission, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), the Office of Innovation and Science Australia, the National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator (NOPTA) and the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA).

Areas of interest that the committee covered included:

- whistleblowing framework (ASIC);
- ASIC's mortgage broker remuneration review;
- Cash converters (pay day lending) case;
- reforms relating to liquidators/administrators;
- profitability of superannuation funds;
- recommendations of the Small Business Loans inquiry;
- remuneration arrangements of agencies including ANSTO, CSIRO and the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science;
- alleged dumping of foreign A4 copy paper in the Australian market;
- steel industry;
- validity of data collected by NASA, the Bureau of Meteorology and the CSIRO;
- development of the National Innovation and Science Agenda (NISA);
- Cooperative Research Centres (applications and grants);
- gas resources in the Bass Strait and their potential for future use;
- the Adani coal project;
- beef roads program (cattle transportation in Queensland);
- compulsory land acquisitions; and
- Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Board remuneration.

This concludes the Economics Legislation Committee Additional Estimates.