



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016-17  
Tuesday, 18 October 2016  
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.00am until 11.29pm.

The committee called agencies of the Attorney-General's portfolio, including:

- Australian Human Rights Commission
- Office of Australian Information Commissioner
- Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions
- Federal Court of Australia, Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia
- Australian Law Reform Commission
- Administrative Appeals Tribunal
- Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and Australian Institute of Criminology
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation

The committee has indicated the need for a spill-over hearing, but a date for the hearing has not yet been fixed.

Areas of interest covered today by the committee include:

- Section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act, including the process for management of complaints, the application of section 18D and freedom of speech;
- Implementation of the Australian Law Reform Commission report on Traditional Rights and Freedoms (ALRC 129) recommendations;
- The relationship between the Federal Court of Australia, Family Court of Australia and Federal Circuit Court of Australia in family and domestic violence matters;
- Appointments to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal;
- The merger of the Australian Crime Commission and Crimtrac into the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission; and
- Convictions and prosecutions for terrorism-related offences.