

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

The committee met on Monday, 27 May 2013 from 9.00 am to 10.35 pm.

The committee called the:

- Department of the Senate
- Parliamentary Budget Office
- Department of Parliamentary Services
- Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PMC).

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- rotation of staff in the Department of the Senate
- consultation on the trial of removing Hansard reporters from the chambers
- access to information held by departments and agencies
- estimates of the structural budget balance of the Australian Government 2001-02 to 2016-17 document, including the timing of release, modelling and peer reviews
- timing of appointment of new Governor-General
- review of visitor services
- 25th anniversary of Parliament House events
- training for new senators
- the Australian Cyber Security Centre including accountability and governance
- National Disability Insurance Scheme including the role of PMC in board appointments
- National Plan for School Improvement
- Open Government Partnership
- briefings to the Prime Minister on the case of Australians Matt Joyce and Marcus Lee
- the cost and size of delegation to Rio+20 United Nations conference.