

## **Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

The committee met on Tuesday, 28 May 2013 from 9.00 am to 4.08 pm.

The committee called:

- the department and agencies of the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio including the Australian National Audit Office, the Australian Public Service Commission, the National Mental Health Commission and the Office of National Assessments.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- the provision of security clearances for staff in the project management office of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
- cyber security and the allegations made during *Four Corners* on Monday 27 May
- briefings to the Prime Minister on the case of Australians Mr Matt Joyce and Mr Marcus Lee, who have been charged with fraud in the United Arab Emirates
- the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Bill
- unscheduled absences, and bullying and harassment in the Australian Public Service (APS)
- the number, proportion and level of Indigenous employees in the APS
- the departure of National Mental Health Commission Chief Executive Officer, Ms Robyn Kruk
- the convention which prevents the release of the content of assessments by the Office of National Assessments (ONA)
- links between the ONA and the Lowy Institute.