



Senate Economics Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2017-18
Thursday, 1 June 2017
Daily summary

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

The committee met from 9.00am until 11.01pm.

The committee called:

- the department and agencies of the Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio including the Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), the Office of the Chief Scientist, the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF), and the National Offshore Petroleum Safety Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA).

Areas of interest that the committee covered included:

- CSIRO's operating loss in the previous financial year and funding over the forward estimates;
- CSIRO's peer review process;
- CSIRO's enterprise agreement negotiations;
- Dr Finkel's review into the Future Security of the National Electricity Market;
- closure of the Hazelwood power plant;
- data manipulation by the Goddard Institute for Space Studies within NASA;
- procurement processes of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
- Country of origin food labelling;
- progress update of the commerciality review of the North West Shelf;
- issues around conflicts of interest on the NAIF Board;
- health and safety incidents within NOPSEMA; and
- offshore oil and gas well leak in April 2016.

This concludes the Economics Legislation Committee's examination of the 2017-18 Budget Estimates.