



**AUSTRALIAN SENATE**  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee  
Budget Estimates 2017-18  
Thursday, 25 May 2017  
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Senate Environment and Communications Budget Estimates.

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.25pm.

The committee called:

- the department and agencies of the Communications and the Arts portfolio, including the Department of Communications and the Arts, the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner, Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), Screen Australia, Australia Council and NBN Co Ltd.

Some of the topics discussed by the committee included:

- ACMA's preparation for the World Radiocommunication Conference;
- number of complaints to the cyberbullying hotline;
- licencing application from J-Air to ACMA;
- complaints to the Do Not Call Register;
- funding for implementing the recommendations of the Spectrum Review;
- the review into Australian and children's screen content;
- update on the Gender Matters initiative;
- Australia Council grant applications received from Western Australia;
- local employment opportunities in the domestic film industry;
- funding for the Indigenous Languages and Arts program;
- arts occupations removed under the 457 Visa changes;
- deployment of the Sky Muster II satellite; and
- NBN Co's compliance with the Government's Workplace Bargaining Policy and policy on blocking social media comments.

An additional hearing has been scheduled from 5.00pm – 9.00pm on Thursday, 15 June 2017, to hear further evidence from the Department of Communications and the Arts and NBN Co Ltd.