

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Public Hearings: BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2013-14
(SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS)**

Wednesday, 20 November and Thursday, 21 November 2013

**Committee Room 2R1
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2013

*Interstate agencies/programs	Treasury Portfolio
9.00am-10.30am	Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)*
	Outcome 1: Improved confidence in Australia's financial markets through promoting informed investors and financial consumers, facilitating fair and efficient markets and delivering efficient registry systems.
10.30am-11.00am	Productivity Commission*
	Outcome 1: Well-informed policy decision-making and public understanding on matters relating to Australia's productivity and living standards, based on independent and transparent analysis from a community-wide perspective.
<i>11.00am-11.15am</i>	<i>Morning Tea</i>
11.15am-12.30pm	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)
	Outcome 1: Lawful competition, consumer protection, and regulated national infrastructure markets and services through

	regulation, including enforcement, education, price monitoring and determining the terms of access to infrastructure services.
12.15pm-1.15pm	Lunch
1.40pm-2.00pm	
	Outcome 1: Improved tax administration through community consultation, review and independent advice to government.
2.00pm-4.00pm	Treasury – Macroeconomic Group (with Corporate Strategy and Services Group and Financial Reporting Council (FRC)*) <i>(As FRC is fully funded by Treasury, budget-related questions are to be directed to Corporate group; policy-related questions are to Markets Group.)</i>
	Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations.
4.15pm-4.30pm	Afternoon Tea
4.00pm-6.25pm	Treasury – Fiscal Group [including the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)*] <i>Questions relating to climate change modelling and questions for the CEFC should be asked here.</i>
	Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations.
6.25pm-7.15pm	Dinner
7.15pm-9.15pm	Treasury – Markets Group <i>(Questions about Financial Reporting Council (FRC)* that are policy-related are to be directed to the Markets Group.)</i>
	Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations.
9.15pm-9.45pm	Tea Break
9.45pm-10.35pm	Treasury – Revenue Group†
	Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations.
	Australian Taxation Office
	Outcome 1: Confidence in the administration of aspects of Australia’s taxation and superannuation systems through helping people understand their rights and obligations, improving ease of compliance and access to benefits, and managing non-compliance with the law.
	†Treasury Revenue Group and the ATO will be appearing together (with the Australian Valuation Office (AVO)* and Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC)).
10.35pm	Adjournment

Proposed breaks	Morning tea	11.00am-11.15am
	Lunch	12.15pm-1.15pm
	Afternoon tea	4.00pm-4.15pm
	Dinner	6.25pm-7.15pm
	Tea Break	9.15pm-9.45pm

THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2013

	Treasury Portfolio <i>continued</i>
9.00am-9.30am	Australian Office of Financial Management (AOFM)
	Outcome 1: The advancement of macroeconomic growth and stability, and the effective operation of financial markets, through issuing debt, investing in financial assets and managing debt, investments and cash for the Australian Government.
9.30am-10.00am	Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)
	Outcome 1: Informed decisions, research and discussion within governments and the community by leading the collection, analysis and provision of high quality, objective and relevant statistical information.
10.00am-10.30am	Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC)
	Outcome 1: Informed government decisions on fiscal equalisation between the States and Territories through advice and recommendations on the distribution of GST revenue and health care grants.
10.30am-10.45am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
	Industry Portfolio
10.45am-11.15am	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
	Outcome 1: Innovative scientific and technology solutions to national challenges and opportunities to benefit industry, the environment and the community, through scientific research and capability development, services and advice.
11.15am-11.45am	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)*
	Outcome 1: Improved knowledge, innovative capacity and healthcare through nuclear-based facilities, research, training, products, services and advice to government, industry, the education sector and the Australian population.
11.45am-12.15pm	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environment Management Authority*
	Outcome 1: An Australian oil and gas industry that properly controls the health and safety risks to the workforce at its offshore petroleum operations.
12.15pm-12.45pm	Australian Institute of Marine Science*
	Outcome 1: Growth of knowledge to support protection and sustainable development of Australia's marine resources through innovative marine science and technology.
12.45pm-1.45pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1.45pm—2.45pm	Department of Industry
	Outcome 1: The sustainable development and growth of Australian industry—particularly the manufacturing, services and small business sectors—by encouraging businesses to innovate, collaborate and commercialise ideas, and by delivering business advice, assistance and services.
2.45pm-3.45pm	Department of Industry

	Outcome 2: Production, use and awareness of science and research knowledge, by supporting research activity; training and infrastructure; science communication; skill development; and collaboration, within the research sector and between researchers and industry, domestically and internationally.
<i>3.45pm-4.00pm</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
4.00pm-5.00pm	Department of Industry
	Outcome 3: A growth in skills, qualifications and productivity through funding to improve teaching quality, learning, and tertiary sector infrastructure, international promotion of Australia's education and training sectors, and partnerships with industry.
5.00pm-6.00pm	Department of Industry
	Outcome 5: The improved strength, competitiveness and sustainability of the resources, energy and tourism# industries to enhance Australia's prosperity through implementation of government policy and programs. (# Tourism has been transferred to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.)
<i>6.00pm-7.00pm</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
7.00pm-7.30pm	GeoScience
	Outcome 1: Informed government, industry and community decisions on the economic, social and environmental management of the nation's natural resources through enabling access to geoscientific and spatial information.
7.30pm-8.00pm	Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)
	Outcome 1: Support improvements in the competitiveness of renewable energy and related technologies and the supply of renewable energy by administering financial assistance, developing analysis and advice about and sharing information and knowledge with regard to, renewable energy and related technologies.
8.00pm-8.30pm	Office of the Chief Scientist
<i>8.30pm</i>	<i>Adjournment</i>

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