

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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### SENATE ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Public Hearings:      ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 2013-14**

**Wednesday, 26 February and Thursday, 27 February 2014**

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

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#### AGENDA

#### WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2014

*Interstate agencies/programs	<b>Treasury Portfolio</b>
<b>9.00am-11.30am</b>	<b>Treasury – Macroeconomic Group (with Corporate Strategy and Services Group)</b>
	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.
<i>11.30am-11.45am</i>	<i>Morning tea break</i>
<b>11.45am-12.45pm</b>	<b>Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)*</b>
	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.
<i>12.45pm-1.45pm</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
<b>1.45pm-2.15pm</b>	<b>Productivity Commission (PC)*</b>

	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.
<b>2.15pm-2.45pm</b>	<b>Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)</b>
	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.
<b>2.45pm-3.15pm</b>	<b>Australian Office of Financial Management (AOFM)</b>
	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.
<b>3.15pm-3.45pm</b>	<b>Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)</b>
	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.
<b>3.45pm-4.30pm</b>	<b>Treasury – Fiscal Group</b>
<i>(CEFC – 45mins)</i>	<b>Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)*</b> <i>Questions for the CEFC should be asked prior to the Fiscal 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.
<i>4.30pm-4.45pm</i>	<i>Afternoon break</i>
<b>4.45pm-6.30pm</b>	<b>Treasury – Fiscal Group (continued...)</b>
<i>6.30pm-7.30pm</i>	<i>Dinner break</i>
<b>7.30pm-9.30pm</b>	<b>Treasury – Revenue Group†</b>
	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.
	<i>†Treasury Revenue Group and the ATO will be appearing together.</i>
	<b>Australian Taxation Office (ATO)†</b>
	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.
	<i>ATO appearing with the Australian Valuation Office (AVO)* and Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission (ACNC)*</i>
<i>9.30pm-9.45pm</i>	<i>Tea break</i>
<b>9.45pm-11.00pm</b>	<b>Treasury – Markets Group</b>
	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.
<i>11.00pm</i>	<i>Adjournment</i>

<b>Proposed breaks</b>	Morning tea	11.30am-11.45am
	Lunch	12.45pm-1.45pm
	Afternoon tea	4.30pm-4.45pm
	Dinner	6.30pm-7.30pm
	Tea Break	9.30pm-9.45pm

**THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2014**

*Interstate agencies/programs	<b>Industry Portfolio</b>
<b>9.00am-9.30am</b>	<b>Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)</b>
	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.
<b>9.30am-10.00am</b>	<b>National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environment Management Authority (NOPSEMA)*</b>
	Outcome 1: An Australian oil and gas industry that properly controls the health and safety risks to the workforce at its offshore petroleum operations.
<b>10.00am-10.45am</b>	<b>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)</b>
	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.
<i>10.45am-11.00am</i>	<i>Morning tea break</i>
<b>11.00am-11.30pm</b>	<b>Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)*</b>
<b>11.30pm-11.45pm</b>	<b>Anti-Dumping Commission</b>
<b>11.45pm-12.00pm</b>	<b>Geoscience</b>
<i>12.00pm-1.00pm</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
	<b>Department of Industry</b>
<b>1.00pm-2.15pm</b>	<b>Cross-portfolio/corporate/general</b>
<b>2.15pm-4.15pm</b>	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.
<i>4.15pm-4.30pm</i>	<i>Afternoon break</i>
<b>4.30pm-6.30pm</b>	<b>Department of Industry</b>
	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>6.30pm-7.30pm</i>	<i>Dinner break</i>
<b>7.30pm-9.00pm</b>	<b>Department of Industry</b>
	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.
	<i>National Advisory for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment (NATESE) and Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency (AWPA) appearing with Outcome 3.</i>
<i>9.00pm-9.15pm</i>	<i>Tea break</i>

<b>9.15pm-10.30pm</b>	<b>Department of Industry</b>
	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. <i>(# Tourism has been transferred to Austrade.)</i>
<i>10.30pm</i>	<i>Adjournment</i>

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