

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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### SENATE ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Public Hearings: SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2012-13**

**Wednesday, 17 October and Thursday, 18 October 2012**

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

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#### AGENDA

**WEDNESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2012**

### **Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio**

**9 – 10.25 am Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research  
Organisation (CSIRO)**

Outcome 1: Innovate 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.

- 10.25 – 10.55 am**      **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.
- 10.55 – 11.10 am*      *Morning Tea*
- 11.10 – 11.55 am**      **Australian Research Council (ARC)**  
 Outcome 1: Growth of knowledge and innovation through managing research funding schemes, measuring research excellence and providing advice.
- 11.55 am – 12.40 pm**      **Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (Industry and Innovation: Outcome 1)**  
 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 commercialist ideas, and by delivering business advice, assistance and services.
- 12.40 – 1.25 pm*      *Lunch*
- 1.25 – 2.40 pm**      **Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (Industry and Innovation: Outcome 1)**  
 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 commercialist ideas, and by delivering business advice, assistance and services.
- 2.40 – 3.20 pm**      **Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (Industry and Innovation: Outcome 1; and the small business component)**  
 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 commercialist ideas, and by delivering business advice, assistance and services.
- 3.20 – 4.05 pm**      **Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (Science and Research: Outcome 2)**  
 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.
- 4.05 pm – 4.20 pm*      *Afternoon tea*

- 4.20 – 6.05 pm**      **Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education: (Tertiary Education: Outcome 3)**  
 [appearing with the Australian Workforce and Productivity Agency and the National Advisory for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment (NATESE)]  
 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.
- 6.05 – 6.50 pm**      **Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)**  
 Outcome 1: Contribute to a high quality higher education sector through streamlined and nationally consistent higher education regulatory arrangements; registration of higher education providers; accreditation of higher education courses; and investigation, quality assurance and dissemination of higher education standards and performance.
- 6.50 – 7.05 pm**      **Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)**  
 Outcome 1: Contribute to a high quality vocational education and training sector including through streamlined and nationally consistent regulation of training providers and courses, and the communication of advice to the sector on improvements to the quality of vocational education and training.
- 7.05 – 8.05 pm*      *Dinner*
- 8.05 – 8.35 pm**      **Treasury Portfolio**  
**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.
- 8.35 – 9.05 pm**      **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.
- 9.05 – 9.35 pm**      **Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)**  
 Outcome 1: Enhanced public confidence in Australia's financial institutions through a framework of prudential regulation that balances financial safety and efficiency, competition, contestability and competitive neutrality.
- 9.35 pm – 9.50 pm*      *Tea break*
- 9.50 – 10.30 pm**      **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.

- 10.30 – 10.45 pm**      **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.
- 10.45 – 11 pm**      **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.
- 11pm*      *Adjournment*

## **THURSDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2012**

### **Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio**

- 8.45 – 9.30 am**      **Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism**  
[with Tourism Australia]  
Outcome 1 (RET): 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.
- Outcome 1 (Tourism Australia): Increase demand for Australia as a destination, strengthen the travel distribution system and contribute to the development of a sustainable tourism industry through consumer marketing, trade development and research activities.
- 9.30 – 10 am**      **Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism**  
Outcome 1: 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.
- 10 – 10.15 am**      **Australian Solar Institute (ASI)**  
Outcome 1: Encourage innovation and cost effective developments in solar energy technologies to accelerate commercial deployment through knowledge building and collaborative research, development and support for Australian industries and research institutions.
- 10.15 – 10.30 am**      **Geoscience Australia**  
Outcome 1: Informed government, industry and community decision on the economic, social and environmental management of the nation's natural resources through enabling access to geo-scientific and spatial information.

**10.30 – 10.50 am**      **National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA)**

Outcome 1: Promote and enforce the effective management of risks to the workforce, the environment and the structural integrity of facilities, wells and well-related equipment of the Australian offshore petroleum and greenhouse gas storage industries through regulatory oversight.

*10.50 – 11.05 am*      *Morning Tea*

## **Treasury Portfolio**

**11.05 am – 1.05 pm**      **The Treasury – Macroeconomic 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.

*1.05 – 2.05 pm*      *Lunch*

**2.05 – 4.05 pm**      **The Treasury – Fiscal group**  
*(Any questions on climate change should be asked at the start of this session.)*

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.

*4.05 – 4.20 pm*      *Afternoon tea*

**4.20 – 6.20 pm**      **The Treasury – Markets group**  
**[appearing with the Foreign Investments Board (FIRB) and the Australian Government Actuary]**

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.

*6.20 – 7.20 pm*      *Dinner*

- 7.20 – 9.35 pm**      **The Treasury – Revenue group**  
 [appearing with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and the Australian Valuation Office (AVO)]  
 Outcome 1 (Treasury): 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.
- Outcome 1 (ATO): 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.
- 9.35 – 9.50 pm*      *Tea break*
- 9.50 –10.05 pm**      **Inspector-General of Taxation**  
 Outcome 1: Improved tax administration through community consultation, review, and independent advice to government.
- 10.05 – 11.10 pm**      **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.
- 11.10 pm*      *Adjournment*

<b>Proposed breaks</b>	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning tea	10.55 am – 11.10 am	10.50 am – 11.05am
Lunch	12.40 pm – 1.25 pm	1.05 pm – 2.05 pm
Afternoon tea	4.05 pm – 4.20 pm	4.05 pm – 4.20 pm
Dinner	7.05 pm – 8.05 pm	6.20 pm – 7.20 pm
Tea Break	9.35 pm – 9.50 pm	9.35 pm – 9.50 pm

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