

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2014-15

Monday, 26 to Thursday, 29 May 2014

**Committee Room 2S1
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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AGENDA

MONDAY, 26 May 2014

Senator the Hon John
Hogg
9.00am

Parliamentary Departments

Department of the Senate

Outcome 1: Advisory and administrative support services to enable the Senate and Senators to fulfil their representative and legislative duties.

Program—Department of the Senate

- Clerk's Office
- Table Office
- Procedure Office
- Committee Office
- Black Rod's Office

10.45am

Parliamentary Budget Office

Outcome: To inform the Parliament by providing independent and non-partisan analysis of the budget cycle, fiscal policy and the financial implications of proposals

Program—Parliamentary Budget Office

11.45am

Department of Parliamentary Services

Outcome: Occupants of Parliament House are supported by integrated services and facilities, Parliament functions effectively and its work and buildings are accessible to the public

Program 1—Parliamentary Services

Program 2—Parliament House Works Program

Senator the Hon Eric
Abetz

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

2.30pm

COAG Reform Council Secretariat

3.15pm

Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system

Program 1.1—Support for the Governor-General and Official Functions

- Support for the Governor-General
- Administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system

4.00pm

National Australia Day Council Limited

Outcome: A shared celebration of Australia and Australians through promoting the meaning of and participation in Australia Day and the Australian of the Year Awards

4.30pm

Australian National Audit Office

Outcome 1: To improve public sector performance and accountability through independent reporting on Australian Government administration to Parliament, the Executive and the public.

Program 1.1—Assurance Audit Services

Program 1.2—Performance Audit Services

5.30pm

Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome 1: Increased awareness and adoption of best practice public administration by the public service through leadership, promotion, advice and professional development, drawing on research and evaluation

Program 1.1—Australian Public Service Commission

Program 1.2—Parliamentarians' and Judicial Office Holders Remuneration and Entitlements

- 8.00pm** **Independent National Security Legislation Monitor**
- 8.30pm** **Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman**
Outcome 1: Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.
 Program 1.1—Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman
- 9.30pm** **Office of National Assessments**
Outcome 1: Advancement of Australia's national interests through increased government awareness of international developments affecting Australia
 Program 1.1—Assessments and reports
 Program 1.2—Coordination and evaluation
- 10.15pm** **Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security**
Outcome 1: Independent assurance for the Prime Minister, senior ministers and Parliament as to whether Australia's intelligence and security agencies act legally and with propriety by inspecting, inquiring into and reporting on their activities
 Program 1.1—Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2014

Senator the Hon Eric
 Abetz
 Senator the Hon
 Michaelia Cash
9.00am

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio *(continued)*

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome 1: Provide high quality policy advice and support to the Prime Minister, the Cabinet, Portfolio Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries including through the coordination of government activities, policy development and program delivery.

Program 1.1—Prime Minister & Cabinet

- 5.30pm** Office for Women (part of Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet)
- 8.00pm** **Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Outcome 1, *(in continuation)***

WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2014

Senator the Hon
Mathias Cormann

Finance Portfolio

9.00am

ASC Pty Ltd

9.45am

Future Fund Management Agency

Outcome 1: Make provision for the Commonwealth's unfunded superannuation liabilities, payments for the creation and development of infrastructure, and payments from the DisabilityCare Australia Fund by managing the investment activities of the Future Fund, Nation-building Funds and DisabilityCare Australia Fund, in line with the Government's investment mandates.

Program 1.1—Management of the investment of the Future Fund

Program 1.2—Management of the investment of the Building Australia Fund, Education Investment Fund and Health and Hospitals Fund and DisabilityCare Australia Fund

11.00am

ComSuper and Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation

To be examined concurrently with:

Department of Finance Program 1.2—Public Sector Superannuation

ComSuper

Outcome 1: To provide access to Australian Government superannuation benefits and information, through developing members' understanding of the schemes, processing contributions, supporting investment processes, paying benefits and managing member details, for current and former Australian Public Servants and members of the Australian Defence Force, on behalf of the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation

Program 1.1—Superannuation Administration Services

Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation

Outcome 1: Retirement benefits for past, present, and future Australian Government employees and members of the Australian Defence Force through investment and administration of their superannuation funds and schemes

Program 1.1—Superannuation Scheme Governance

12 noon

Department of Finance

Outcome 1: Informed decisions on Government finances through: policy advice; implementing frameworks; and providing financial advice, guidance and assurance

Program 1.1—Budget, Financial Management and Procurement Framework
(excluding *Government Campaign Advertising – to be examined 29 May 2014*)

Program 1.3—Australian Government Investment Funds

- DisabilityCare Australia Fund
- Asset Recycling Fund*
- Medical Research Future Fund*
- Building Australia Fund#
- Education Investment Fund#
- Health and Hospitals Fund#

* Subject to the passage of legislation

To be closed by 1 January 2015, subject to the passage of legislation

THURSDAY, 29 MAY 2014

Finance Portfolio (*continued*)

Senator the Hon
Mathias Cormann

9.00am

Medibank Private Limited

10.45am

Department of Finance (*in continuation*)

Outcome 2: Effective Government policy advice, administration and operations through: oversight of Government Business Enterprises; Commonwealth property management and construction; risk management; and providing ICT services

Program 2.1—Australian Government Business and ICT

Program 2.2—Property and Construction (Minister for Finance responsibilities)

Program 2.3—Insurance and Risk Management

Senator the Hon
Michael Ronaldson

1.30pm

Program 2.2—Property and Construction (Special Minister of State responsibilities)

2.30pm

Outcome 1 – Program 1.1 - Budget, Financial Management and Procurement Framework (*in continuation*)
Government Campaign Advertising

3.30pm

Outcome 3: Support for Parliamentarians, others with entitlements and organisations as approved by Government through the delivery of entitlements and targeted assistance
Program 3.1—Ministerial and Parliamentary Services

9.00pm

Australian Electoral Commission

Outcome 1: Maintain an impartial and independent electoral system for eligible voters through active electoral roll management, efficient delivery of polling services and targeted education and public awareness programs.

Program 1.1—Electoral Roll Management

Program 1.2—Election Management and Support Services

Program 1.3—Education and Communication

Proposed breaks

Morning tea	10.30 to 10.45
Lunch	12.30 to 13.30
Afternoon tea	15:45 to 16:00
Dinner	18.30 to 20.00
Tea Break	21:15 to 21:30

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