

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

The committee met on Monday, 24 February 2014 from 9.01 am to 11.03 pm.

The committee called the:

- department and agencies of the Attorney-General's portfolio, including the Australia Council for the Arts, Screen Australia, Creative Partnerships Australia, the National Archives of Australia, the Australian Human Rights Commission, the Australian Financial Security Authority, the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, the Australian Law Reform Commission, the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, the Family Court of Australia, the Classification Review Board, the High Court of Australia, the Australian Government Solicitor, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Australian Crime Commission, the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) and the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- Creative Partnerships Australia's engagement with business and its offices in regional areas
- vacancies on the Screen Australia board and any ministerial direction given to Screen Australia following the change of government
- waiting periods for the production of documents by the National Archives
- administrative matters relating to the Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program
- data retention practices
- the appointment of the Human Rights Commissioner (Mr Wilson)
- progress on the building of the new ASIO building
- the raid on offices of Channel 7 by the AFP in relation to alleged negotiations to interview Ms Shappelle Corby
- parliamentary security and the implications of possible savings measures relating to the AFP's perimeter security of Parliament House.