

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

The committee met on Friday, 28 February 2014 from 9.05 am to 3.05 pm.

The committee called the:

- department and agencies of the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio, including Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC)
- Department of Health.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- the status of national partnership agreements on remote service delivery and Indigenous early childhood development
- the Aboriginals Benefit Account, including its balance, current guidelines and the decision to overturn grant funding to the MJD Foundation
- educational issues, including the impact of teacher cuts in remote schools, the school attendance officer program, the School Enrolment and Attendance Measure and early childhood education
- job losses as a result of the closure of the Gove Refinery
- housing issues, including tenancy agreements, machinery of government changes relating to Indigenous housing and the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing
- the decision to not renew the National Partnership on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes in December 2013 and future arrangements in the area
- renal services
- the Ernst & Young review of the IBA and ILC.