

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

	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.
2.15pm-2.45pm	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.
2.45pm-3.15pm	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.
3.15pm-3.45pm	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.
3.45pm-4.30pm	Treasury – Fiscal Group
<i>(CEFC – 45mins)</i>	Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)* <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>
4.45pm-6.30pm	Treasury – Fiscal Group (continued...)
<i>6.30pm-7.30pm</i>	<i>Dinner break</i>
7.30pm-9.30pm	Treasury – Revenue 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.
	<i>†Treasury Revenue Group and the ATO will be appearing together.</i>
	Australian Taxation Office (ATO)†
	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>
9.45pm-11.00pm	Treasury – Markets 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.
<i>11.00pm</i>	<i>Adjournment</i>

Proposed breaks	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	Industry Portfolio
9.00am-9.30am	Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA)
	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.
9.30am-10.00am	National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environment Management Authority (NOPSEMA)*
	Outcome 1: An Australian oil and gas industry that properly controls the health and safety risks to the workforce at its offshore petroleum operations.
10.00am-10.45am	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
	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>
11.00am-11.30pm	Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)*
11.30pm-11.45pm	Anti-Dumping Commission
11.45pm-12.00pm	Geoscience
<i>12.00pm-1.00pm</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
	Department of Industry
1.00pm-2.15pm	Cross-portfolio/corporate/general
2.15pm-4.15pm	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>
4.30pm-6.30pm	Department of Industry
	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>
7.30pm-9.00pm	Department of Industry
	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>

9.15pm-10.30pm	Department of Industry
	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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