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Acronyms and abbreviations

AAO	Administrative Arrangements Orders
AGD	Attorney-General's Department
APH	Australian Parliament House
ASC	ASC Pty Ltd
CDP	Community Development Programme
IPEA	Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
PAES	Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements
PM&C	Prime Minister and Cabinet

Chapter 1

Additional Budget Estimates 2018–19

Reference

1.1 On 14 February 2019, the Senate referred the following to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee (the committee) for examination and report:

- Particulars of proposed additional expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2019 [Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2018–2019];
- Particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2019 [Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2018–2019];
- Particulars of proposed additional expenditure in relation to the Parliamentary departments in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2019 [Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 2) 2018–2019];
- Final Budget Outcome 2017–18; and
- Advance to the Finance Minister—Report on advances provided under the annual Appropriation Acts for 2017–18.¹

Portfolio coverage

1.2 The committee has responsibility for examining the expenditure and outcomes of the following departments and agencies:

- Parliament;²
- Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) Portfolio; and
- Finance Portfolio.³

1.3 Pursuant to an order of the Senate, the committee also holds a separate hearing on cross-portfolio Indigenous matters.⁴

1.4 Departments and agencies under the committee's oversight are listed in Appendix 1 of this report.

1 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 140, 14 February 2019, p. 4692.

2 As a matter of comity between the Houses neither House inquires into the operations of the other House. For this reason, neither the annual report of, nor the proposed expenditure for, the Department of the House of Representatives is referred to a Senate committee for review.

3 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 2, 31 August 2016, pp. 75–76; Amended on 12 February 2018 (*Journals of the Senate*, No. 84, 12 February 2018, p. 2668–2669), 15 February 2018 (*Journals of the Senate*, No. 87, 15 February 2018, p. 2740) and 17 September 2018 (*Journals of the Senate*, No. 118, 17 September 2018, pp. 3770–3771).

4 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 22, 26 August 2008, p. 683; *Journals of the Senate*, No. 100, 23 June 2015, p. 2772.

Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2018–19

1.5 The Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements (PAES) facilitate an understanding of the proposed appropriations in Appropriation Bills (No. 3 and No. 4). The focus of the PAES is on explaining the changes in resourcing since the Budget and to provide information on new measures and their impact on the financial and non-financial planned performance of agencies.⁵ The PAES 2018–19 for the PM&C Portfolio and the Finance Portfolio were tabled in the Senate on 8 February 2019.⁶

1.6 The PAES 2018–19 for the PM&C Portfolio noted the entities receiving an additional appropriation in Appropriation Bills (No. 3 and 4) included the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Office of National Intelligence, the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, and the Workplace Gender Equality Agency.⁷

1.7 Amendments to the Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO)⁸ of 10 May 2018 resulted in the following changes to the PM&C Portfolio:

- Responsibility for the Public Interest Disclosure Act was transferred from PM&C to the Attorney-General's Department (AGD);
- The Independent National Security Legislation Monitor was transferred from PM&C to AGD;
- The Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman was transferred from the PM&C Portfolio to the Attorney-General's Portfolio; and
- The Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security was transferred from PM&C Portfolio to the Attorney-General's Portfolio.⁹

1.8 The PAES 2018–19 for the Finance Portfolio note the additional estimates and variations sought by the Department of Finance, the Australian Electoral Commission and the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.¹⁰ The PAES also listed the ministerial changes to the Portfolio following the Prime Minister's announcement of changes to the Ministry on 28 August 2018:

5 Budget 2018–19, *Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements*, <https://www.budget.gov.au/2018-19/index.html> (accessed 21 March 2019).

6 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 140, 14 February 2019, p. 4693.

7 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2018–19, *Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio*, p. 12.

8 The Administrative Arrangements Order is an instrument issued by the Governor-General that formally establishes matters dealt with by each Department of State and the legislation for which the Minister of State administering is responsible.

9 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2018–19, *Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio*, p. 12

10 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2018–19, *Finance Portfolio*, p. 5.

- Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann appointed to the additional role of Minister for the Public Service;
- Senator the Hon Zed Seselja appointed as the Assistant Minister for Treasury and Finance; and
- the Hon Alex Hawke MP appointed as the Special Minister of State.¹¹

Hearings

1.9 The committee held public hearings on 18, 19 and 22 February 2019. The Parliamentary departments and the PM&C Portfolio (excluding Indigenous matters) were examined on 18 February, the Finance Portfolio was examined on 19 February, and the cross-portfolio Indigenous matters hearing was held on 22 February 2019.

1.10 Senator the Hon Scott Ryan, President of the Senate, and the following Ministers appeared with officers of relevant departments and agencies:

- Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister representing the Prime Minister, Minister for Finance and the Public Service;
- Senator the Hon Zed Seselja, Assistant Minister for Treasury and Finance, Minister representing the Special Minister of State;
- Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Minister representing the Minister for Women; and
- Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

1.11 The committee expresses its appreciation for the assistance of the President, Ministers and the officers who appeared.

1.12 Over the course of the hearings, the committee took evidence from the following departments, agencies and statutory officers:

Parliamentary departments

- Parliamentary Budget Office
- Department of Parliamentary Services

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

- Australian Public Service Commission
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Outcome 1)
- Workplace Gender Equality Agency
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Office for Women)
- Digital Transformation Agency
- Australian National Audit Office
- Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

11 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2018–19, *Finance Portfolio*, p. 3.

Finance Portfolio

- ASC Pty Ltd
- Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd
- Future Fund Management Agency
- Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation
- Department of Finance
- Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
- Australian Electoral Commission

Cross-portfolio Indigenous Matters

- Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation
- Indigenous Business Australia
- Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Outcome 2)
- Department of Health (in relation to Indigenous health issues)

1.13 Documents tabled during the hearings of Additional Budget Estimates 2018–19 are listed in Appendix 2 of this report.

Questions on notice and Hansard transcripts

1.14 In accordance with the variation to the Senate order relating to unanswered questions on notice, the committee set 29 March 2019 as the date for the return of answers to questions on notice arising from the Additional Estimates 2018–19 hearings.¹² Proof Hansard transcripts of proceedings of hearings, are published on the committee's website at: https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/fpa/2018-19_Additional_estimates

Answers to questions on notice—Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018–19

1.15 The committee's examination of the Supplementary Estimates 2018–19 took place on 22 October 2018 for the Parliamentary Departments, 22 and 23 October 2018 for the PM&C Portfolio, 23 October 2018 for the Finance Portfolio and 26 October 2018 for the cross-portfolio Indigenous matters. The committee set 7 December 2018 as the date for the return of answers to questions on notice.

12 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 138, 12 February 2019, p. 4587–4588. This variation affects the order of the Senate of 25 June 2014, Estimates hearings—Unanswered questions on notice.

Timeliness of answers to questions on notice

1.16 The committee had a total of 462 questions taken on notice¹³ with a total of 259 answers being received by the due date.

1.17 The Finance Portfolio provided all of its answers to questions on notice from its hearings on 23 October 2018 by the due date of 7 December 2018.

1.18 The Parliamentary departments provided 79 out of 80 responses to questions on notice from its hearing on 22 October 2018 by the due date of 7 December 2018. The remaining question on notice was responded to on 7 February 2019 by the Department of Parliamentary Services.

1.19 The PM&C Portfolio (including cross-portfolio) provided 93 of its 285 answers to questions on notice from its hearings on 22 and 23 October 2018 by the due date of 7 December 2018. The remaining 192 questions on notice were provided in late December 2018 and in January 2019.

13 This figure includes both questions taken during the hearings for Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018–19, and written questions on notice provided by Senators after the hearing.

Chapter 2

Issues

2.1 This chapter lists the key topics discussed for each department and portfolio agency examined during the committee's hearings for Additional Budget Estimates 2018–19. Page numbers of the Proof Hansard for that day's hearing are indicated in brackets as a reference.¹

Parliamentary departments—Monday 18 February 2019

Parliamentary Budget Office

- Post-election report of election commitments (pp. 3–5)
- Policy costing calculations (p. 5)

Department of Parliamentary Services

2.2 The President of the Senate, Senator the Hon. Scott Ryan, made an opening statement in relation to cybersecurity, building works at Parliament House, parliamentary privilege, and conduct of Senators' staff.

2.3 Topics discussed included:

- Contract with Lendlease in relation to the provision of building works for Australian Parliament House (APH) (pp. 8–14)
- Cybersecurity incident of 8 February 2019 (p. 15)
- Perceived or actual conflicts of interest within the Parliamentary Library (pp. 15–16)
- Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS) catering arrangements and facilities (pp. 16–17)
- Staffing matters, including:
 - investigation into staff misconduct (pp. 17–18)
 - rostering of security services; (pp. 18–19) and
 - leave entitlements and outstanding leave balances (p. 21)
- Comcare's investigation into the white powder incident at Parliament House (pp. 19–21)
- Informal gathering of senior DPS executives following the previous Estimates hearing (p. 22)

1 Page numbers may vary between the Proof and the Official Hansard transcripts when published.

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio—Monday 18 February 2019

Australian Public Service Commission

2.4 Topics discussed included:

- Level of employment in the Australian Public Service as part of the 'Stronger Economy, Secure Future' plan (pp. 25–26)
- Use of contractors in the public service (p. 27)
- Indigenous employment in the Australian Public Service (pp. 27–28)

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

2.5 Ms Stephanie Foster, Deputy Secretary, Governance Group, made an opening statement introducing witnesses at the table.

2.6 Topics discussed included:

- Procedures within the department for handling instances of unauthorised disclosures of confidential material, particularly in regards to the *Home Affairs Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Act 2019* (pp. 28–35)
- Caretaker conventions and processes during an election period (p. 35)
- Payment from the department to White Ribbon Australia to become an accredited White Ribbon workplace (pp. 35–37)
- Navigation of contentious legislation through the Parliament when the government no longer has a majority of seats in the House of Representatives and constitutional advice sought by the department (p. 37–40)
- Discussions about the agreement to resettle refugees from offshore detention facilities on Manus Island and the Republic of Nauru with the United States of America (pp. 40–43; 58–62; 100–101)
- Advice from the office of the Prime Minister in relation to the passage of the *Home Affairs Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Act 2019* through the Parliament (p. 63)
- Issues of ministerial accountability in relation to the Australian Federal Police and its activities supporting the Registered Organisations Commission in its investigation of the Australian Workers' Union (pp. 63–68; 73–80; 82–83)
- Review of a Freedom of Information request regarding the Secretary's diary (pp. 68–69)
- Breaches of the Lobbying Code of Conduct and administration of the Australian Government Lobbyists Register (pp. 69–73)
- Issuing of ministry lists (pp. 80–81; 100)
- Review of a Freedom of Information request regarding extraordinary meetings of departments' secretaries convened by Dr Parkinson (pp. 81–82)

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- Involvement of the department in the awarding of a contract for security work and other activities at the immigration detention facility on Manus Island (pp. 83–86)
 - The Prime Minister's involvement in the selection process of a new Chair for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (pp. 86–90)
 - Conduct of government backbenchers and the *Statement of Ministerial Standards* (pp. 90–93)
 - Digital alteration of photographs of the Prime Minister published online (pp. 93–94)
 - Resignation of the Hon Andrew Broad MP as Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister (p. 95)
 - Review of the vocational education and training system (VET system) conducted by the department (pp. 95–100)
 - Engagement of the department in the development of the government response to the report of the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry (pp. 101–103)
 - Review of measures in the 2018–19 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, including tax-to-GDP caps and upgrades to Commonwealth facilities (pp. 103–105)
 - Cabinet meetings held outside of Canberra (p. 105)
 - Review of an answer to a question on notice in relation to guidelines for official gifts received (pp. 105–109)²
 - The department's involvement in a review of the announcement of a potential move of the Australian Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem (pp. 109–116)
 - The announcement of funding to produce free television content to Pacific nations (pp. 116–121)

Workplace Gender Equality Agency

2.7 Ms Libby Lyons, Director, made an opening statement updating the committee on the outcomes of the Workplace Gender Equality Agency's activities.

2.8 Topics discussed included:

- Transition to a new computer system to manage the collection of workplace gender data (pp. 43–46)
- Narrowing of the gender pay gap and challenges facing particular industries (pp. 46–47)
- Uptake of paid parental leave by men (pp. 47–48)

2 Senate Question on Notice 689, asked by Senator Kitching on 5 February 2018.

- Review of a response to a question on notice in relation to minimum reporting standards for employers of more than 500 staff (pp. 48–49)³
- Legislative scope of the Workplace Gender Equality Agency, regarding a response to a question on notice in relation to the workplace safety gap (pp. 49–50; 51)⁴
- The comparison of actual hours worked for full-time employees between males and females (pp. 50–51)

Office for Women (Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet)

2.9 Ms Trish Bergin, First Assistant Secretary, Office for Women, made an opening statement in relation to the activities of the Office for Women, including the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women, the Women's Economic Security Statement, and the Second National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.

2.10 Topics discussed included:

- Funding for the Office for Women to meet its commitments in relation to the Women's Economic Security Statement (pp. 52–54; 55–56)
- Legislative requirements for the implementation of commitments in the Women's Economic Security Statement (pp. 54–55)
- Meetings between the Workplace Gender Equality Agency and the Prime Minister since he took office in August 2018 (pp. 56–57)
- Measures taken to deal with domestic violence (pp. 57–58)

Digital Transformation Agency

2.11 Mr Randall Brugeaud, Chief Executive Officer, made an opening statement regarding the operations of the Digital Transformation Agency.

2.12 Topics discussed included:

- The Australian National Audit Office report (no. 24 of 2018–19) into the Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission's administration of the Biometric Identification Service project (pp. 122–128)
- Industry delegation to San Francisco led by the Minister for Human Services and Digital Transformation, Hon Minister Keenan MP (pp. 128–129)

Australian National Audit Office

2.13 Topics discussed included:

- Status of audits being conducted into the Murray-Darling Basin (p. 129)

3 Question on Notice 73, Prime Minister & Cabinet Portfolio, Supplementary Estimates 2018–19 (Rates of compliance – minimum standard).

4 Question on Notice 296, Prime Minister & Cabinet Portfolio, Supplementary Estimates 2018–19 (Gender Workplace Safety Gap)

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- Issuing of certificates under section 37 of the *Auditor-General Act 1997* (pp. 129–130)
 - Financial position of the Australian National Audit Office (p. 130)

Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

2.14 Mr Paul Singer, Acting Official Secretary to the Governor-General, made an opening statement regarding the activities of the Office and the imminent retirement of the Governor-General.

2.15 Topics discussed included:

- Funding for the Office (pp. 131–132)
- Process for the selection of the next Governor-General (p. 132)
- Details of Mr Singer's appointment as Acting Official Secretary and Mr Steve Murtagh as Acting Deputy Official Secretary (p.133)

Finance Portfolio—Tuesday 19 February 2019

2.16 Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance and the Public Service, made an opening statement in relation to his personal travel arrangements for a trip to Singapore in January 2018, which had been the subject of media reports.

ASC Pty Ltd

2.17 Mr Stuart Whiley, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, made an opening statement regarding the transfer of the ownership of ASC Shipbuilding to BAE Systems Australia, and the activities of ASC Pty Ltd (ASC).

2.18 Topics discussed included:

- Contract between ASC and Lurssen and the structural separation of ASC Shipbuilding from ASC (pp. 5–6)
- Changes in and demographics of the ASC workforce (pp. 6–9)
- Transfer of the ownership of ASC Shipbuilding to BAE Systems Australia for the Future Frigate Program (pp. 10–11)
- Strategies for the retention of specialised employees (p. 11)

Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd

2.19 During the hearing, officers from Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd (ANI) joined the Minister and officers from ASC at the table to jointly answer questions regarding shipyard facilities.

2.20 Topics discussed included:

- Expenditure on the Osbourne South shipyard development project (pp. 9–10)
- Construction and sustainment of the Future Submarine project (pp. 12–13)

2.21 Mr David Knox, Chief Executive Officer, made a statement regarding the activities of ANI.

Future Fund Management Agency

2.22 Mr David Neal, Chief Executive Officer, made an opening statement regarding the activities of the Future Fund Management Agency.

2.23 Topics discussed included:

- Asset management and allocation (p. 16)
- Appointment process for the Future Fund Board of Guardians and the Chair (pp. 17–18)
- Low-fee superannuation proposals (pp. 18–19)
- Target rates of return for the Education Investment Fund and the Building Australia Fund (pp. 19–20)
- Investment mandate for the Future Drought Fund (p. 21)
- Review of the Future Fund 2017–18 annual report, specifically in relation to the Future Fund voting against management of companies in which the Fund is invested (pp. 20–22)

Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation

2.24 Topics discussed included:

- Role of the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation (pp. 22–23)
- Veterans' superannuation and veterans' complaint mechanisms and resolutions (pp. 23–26)
- Interaction of specific payments and family law disputes (pp. 26–27)
- Distribution of promotional material (p. 27)

Department of Finance

- Travel arrangements for Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance and the Public Service, and his interactions with the Chief Executive Officer of Helloworld (pp. 27–61)
- Measures in the 2018–19 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, including payments growth and foreign aid (pp. 61–63; 67–70)
- The announcement to bring forward the 2019–20 Budget (pp. 63–65)
- Review of a question on notice relating to measures from decisions taken but not announced (pp. 65–66)⁵
- DisabilityCare Australia Fund (pp. 66–67)
- Update on the Medical Research Future Fund (p. 70)

5 Question on Notice F012, Finance Portfolio, Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018–19 (MYEFO and Decisions Taken But Not Yet Announced).

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- Provision of funding to hold a referendum on the recognition of Indigenous people (pp. 70–71)
 - Department of Finance enterprise bargaining process (p. 71)
 - Projected dividend payments from the National Broadband Network (pp. 71–74)
 - Engagement of contractors and payment of subcontractors in the Public Service (pp. 74–78; 80–81)
 - Appointments to the board of Australia Post (pp. 78–79)
 - Government advertising campaign expenditure in the 45th Parliament (pp. 81–86)
 - Review of questions on notice relating to complaints made against Members of Parliament (pp. 86–91)⁶
 - Comcar procurement (pp. 91–93; 108–109)
 - Resolution of bullying complaints in offices of Members of Parliament (pp. 93–105)
 - Number of staff for Members of Parliament and appointments of above-the-band salary positions (pp. 105–108)

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

2.25 Ms Annwyn Godwin, Chief Executive Officer, made an opening statement regarding the activities of the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority (IPEA).

2.26 Topics discussed included:

- Scope of IPEA's investigation capability (pp. 111–112)
- Meetings with parliamentarians (pp. 113–114)
- Staffing arrangements (pp. 114–116)
- Travel expenses of the Special Envoys for Drought Assistance and Recovery and Indigenous Affairs (pp. 116–117)

Australian Electoral Commission

2.27 Topics discussed included:

- Recent cyber-security incidents targeting major political parties (pp. 118–120)

6 Question on Notice F019, Finance Portfolio, Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018–19 (Number of Bullying Complaints against Members of Parliament); Question on Notice F020, Finance Portfolio, Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018–19 (Evaluations/Investigations); Question on Notice F023, Finance Portfolio, Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018–19 (Complaints) & Question on Notice F025, Finance Portfolio, Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018–19 (Comcare Support).

- Preparations and expectations for the 2019 Federal Election, including vote counting timeframes, digitisation of counting and trends in the use of pre-polling (pp. 120–126)
- Political consultants and donations to political parties (pp. 126–128)
- Access of electoral roll data by credit agencies (p. 128)

Cross-portfolio Indigenous matters—Friday 22 February 2019

2.28 Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, made an opening statement updating the committee on matters regarding Indigenous Australians.

Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation

2.29 Mr John Maher, Chief Executive Officer, made an opening statement in relation to recent legislation changes affecting the corporation and the activities of the corporation.

2.30 Topics discussed included:

- Divestment and acquisition policies for properties held by the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (p. 6)
- Management of the Ayers Rock Resort (pp. 6–7)
- Reallocation of investment funds (pp. 7–8)

Indigenous Business Australia

2.31 Mr Rajiv Viswanathan, Chief Executive Officer, made an opening statement in relation to the activities of Indigenous Business Australia.

2.32 Topics discussed included:

- Properties changing ownership under sections 19 and 19A of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (p. 10)
- Indigenous procurement policy contracts and employment outcomes of business loans (pp. 10–12)

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

2.33 Mr Selwyn Button, Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, made an opening statement in relation to the activities of the office.

2.34 Topics discussed included:

- Recent amendments to the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*, and the technical review conducted (pp. 14–18)
- Monitoring and compliance with corporation reporting obligations (pp. 18–19)
- Process for deregistration of Indigenous corporations (p. 19–20)

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

2.35 Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, made an additional opening statement in relation to the activities of the department affecting Indigenous Australians.

2.36 Topics discussed included:

- Tender process for prospective providers of the Community Development Programme (CDP) (pp. 22–26)
- Consultation and funding decisions in relation to CDP provider, Rise Ventures, and its Chairman, Mr Warren Mundine (pp. 26–39)
- Employment matters for CDP providers (pp. 39–41)
- Recent events regarding the executive of the Northern Land Council (p. 42)
- Consultation and cooperation among the states in regards to Closing the Gap (pp. 42–45)
- Funding for remote housing in the Northern Territory (pp. 45–46)

Cross-portfolio: Health Issues

2.37 Ms Caroline Edwards, Deputy Secretary, Health System Policy and Primary Care Group, Department of Health, made an opening statement providing information in response to questions taken on notice by the Department of Health at a Community Affairs Legislation Committee additional estimates hearing held on Wednesday 20 February 2019.

2.38 Topics discussed included:

- Recent outbreak of syphilis in Indigenous communities (pp. 48–50)
- Indigenous comprehensive primary health care grant process (pp. 50–54; 55–57)
- Efforts to discourage smoking (p. 54)
- Petrol sniffing in Indigenous communities (pp. 54–55)
- Mental health services (pp. 57–58)

Senator James Paterson

Chair

Appendix 1

Departments and agencies under the Committee's oversight

Parliamentary Departments

- Department of the Senate
- Parliamentary Budget Office
- Department of Parliamentary Services
- Parliamentary Service Commissioner

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (including Office for Women)
- Australian National Audit Office
- Australian Public Service Commission
- Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal
- Digital Transformation Agency
- National Australia Day Council
- North Queensland Livestock Industry Recovery Agency (from 1 March 2019)
- Office of National Intelligence
- Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General
- Remuneration Tribunal
- Workplace Gender Equality Agency

Indigenous Agencies

- Aboriginal Hostels Limited
- Aboriginal Land Commissioner
- Anindilyakwa Land Council
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Central Land Council
- Department of Health
- Executive Director of Township Leasing
- Indigenous Business Australia
- Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation
- Northern Land Council

- Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
- Outback Stores Pty Ltd
- Tiwi Land Council
- Torres Strait Regional Authority
- Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council

Finance Portfolio

- Department of Finance
- ASC Pty Ltd
- Australian Electoral Commission
- Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd
- Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation
- Future Fund Management Agency
- Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

Appendix 2

Tabled documents

Monday, 18 February 2019

Parliamentary Departments

- Senator the Hon Scott Ryan, President of the Senate: Correspondence from the President regarding a resolution of the Senate relating to Parliamentary privilege, and list of recipients

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

- Ms Stephanie Foster, Deputy Secretary, Governance Group, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Opening Statement
- Ms Stephanie Foster, Deputy Secretary, Governance Group, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Organisational Chart
- Ms Stephanie Foster, Deputy Secretary, Governance Group, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Correspondence from the Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP to Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM, Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet; reply to correspondence from Dr Parkinson, and distribution of the original letter to other agencies
- Senator Jenny McAllister: Press release from the Hon Michael McCormack MP, regarding the resignation of the Hon Andrew Broad MP as the Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister, dated 17 December 2018; and Commonwealth Gazette Notice C2018G01011 - Notification of the revocation of the appointment of the Hon Andrew Broad MP as Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister, dated 18 December 2018
- Ms Stephanie Foster, Deputy Secretary, Governance Group, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet: Gifts received exceeding prescribed limit 22 October 2018 - 31 January 2019

Tuesday, 19 February 2019

Finance Portfolio

- Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann, Minister for Finance and the Public Service: Press release from Senator Cormann regarding private travel in January 2018, dated 19 February 2019; Letter from Helloworld Travel Limited to Senator Cormann regarding the travel undertaken in January 2018, dated 19 February 2019; Timeline of the procurement for the Whole of Australian Government (WoAG) Accommodation Program Management (APM) services; and Ministerial Submission - Outcome of the Australian

Government Accommodation Program Management Services Tender, dated 28 July 2018

- Mr Stuart Whiley, CEO, ASC Pty Ltd: Opening Statement
- Senator Jenny McAllister: Social media post from the Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP, relating to a meeting with the Prime Minister and employees of Helloworld Travel
- Senator Jenny McAllister: News article regarding the opening of the AOT headquarters in Melbourne
- Senator Jenny McAllister: Excerpt from the Helloworld Travel Limited Annual Report 2018, detailing a list of the 20 largest shareholders of Helloworld
- Senator Jenny McAllister: Media article, dated 13 December 2017, regarding the merger of AOT and Helloworld
- Senator Jenny McAllister: Notification of Alteration of Interests Declared, Senator the Hon Scott Ryan, dated 18 June 2018
- Ms Rosemary Huxtable, Secretary, Department of Finance: Personal positions, personal employee position variances, personal classifications—Government, staff employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984, as at 1 February 2019

Friday, 22 February 2019

Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters

- Mr John Maher, CEO, Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation: Opening Statement
- Mr Selwyn Button, Registrar of the Office of Indigenous Corporations: Monthly performance snapshot, January 2019
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