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## HEARING PROGRAM

# Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025-26

## Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Tuesday 7 October, Wednesday 8 October, Monday 1 December and  
Tuesday 2 December 2025

**Committee Room 2S3**, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



### Hearing location

Committee Room 2S3, Parliament  
House, Canberra  
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### Questions on notice

#### For hearings on 7 and 8 October 2025:

Questions from Senators due: 16 October 2025

Answers due from Departments: 28 November 2025

#### For hearings on 1 and 2 December 2025:

Questions from Senators due: 11 December 2025

Answers due from Departments: 29 January 2026



### Committee members

Senator Varun Ghosh, Chair

Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Deputy Chair

Senator Michelle Ananda-Rajah

Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson

Senator Dean Smith

Senator Charlotte Walker

### Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Murray Watt

Senator the Hon Tim Ayres

Senator the Hon Nita Green

### Secretariat

Tas Larnach, Committee Secretary

James Blair, Estimates Officer

# Monday, 1 December

## Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Time	AGENCY
9.00am (30 min)	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Corporate matters and general questions
9.30am (45 min)	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water  <b>Outcome 1: Support the transition of Australia's economy to net-zero emissions by 2050; transition energy to support net zero while maintaining security, reliability and affordability; support actions to promote adaptation and strengthen resilience of Australia's economy, society and environment; and take a leadership role internationally in responding to climate change.</b>  Program 1.1: Reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions
10.15am (15 min)	Morning Tea
10.30am (45 min)	<b>Outcome 1: Continued</b> Program 1.2: Support reliable, secure and affordable energy
11.15am (30 min)	Climate Change Authority
11.45am (30 min)	Clean Energy Finance Corporation
12.15pm (30 min)	Emission Reduction Assurance Committee
12.45pm (45 min)	Lunch
1.30pm (30 min)	Snowy Hydro Limited
2.00pm (30 min)	Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner

2.30pm (30 min)	Australian Energy Regulator
3.00pm (30 min)	Clean Energy Regulator
3.30pm (15 min)	Afternoon tea
3.45pm (30 min)	Australian Renewable Energy Agency
4.15pm (30 min)	Offshore Infrastructure Registrar and Offshore Infrastructure Regulator
4.45pm (30 min)	Bureau of Meteorology
5.15pm (30 min)	<p>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</p> <p><b>Outcome 2: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage our natural resources including through a nature positive approach; protect and conserve our natural and cultural heritage; reduce and regulate the use of pollutants and hazardous substances; and take a leadership role on these issues internationally.</b></p> <p>Program 2.1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia's environment through a nature positive approach, including the Office of the Threatened Species Commissioner</p>
5.45pm (30 min)	<p><b>Outcome 2: Continued</b></p> <p>Program 2.2: Protect Australia's cultural, historic and First Nations heritage</p>
6.15pm (30 min)	<p><b>Outcome 2: Continued</b></p> <p>Program 2.3: Accelerate the transition to a circular economy, while safely managing pollutants and hazardous substances.</p>
6.45pm (45 min)	Dinner
7.30pm (45 min)	Inspector-General of Water Compliance
8.15pm (60 min)	<p>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</p> <p><b>Outcome 4: Improve the health of rivers and wetlands and enhance the sustainable, efficient and productive use of Australia's water resources.</b></p> <p>Program 4.1 - Protect, restore and sustainably manage Australia's water resources, including:</p> <p><b>Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Commonwealth Environmental Water Office</b></p>

	<b>Murray-Darling Basin Authority</b> <b>National Water Grid Authority</b>
<b>9.15pm</b> <b>(15 min)</b>	Evening Tea
<b>9.30pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b>	<b>Threatened Species Scientific Committee</b>
<b>10.00pm</b> <b>(20 min)</b>	<b>Australian Institute of Marine Science</b>
<b>10.20pm</b> <b>(20 min)</b>	<b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b>
<b>10.40pm</b> <b>(20 min)</b>	<b>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</b> <b>Outcome 3: Advance Australia's environmental, scientific, strategic and economic interests in the Antarctic region by protecting, researching and administering in the region, including through international engagement.</b>  Program 3.1: Contribute to Australia's national Antarctic interests through science, environmental management and international engagement, including delivering Australia's scientific research and operations in Antarctica and the Southern Ocean
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

## Tuesday, 2 December

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Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development,  
Communications, Sport and the Arts, excluding Infrastructure,  
Transport and Regional Development

TIME	AGENCY
9.00am (30 min)	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts</b> Corporate matters and general questions
9.30am (90 min)	<b>Outcome 5: Promote an innovative and competitive communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, so all Australians can realise the full potential of digital technologies and communications services.</b>  Program 5.1 – Digital Technologies and Communications Services <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 17: Digital Inclusion</b>
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am (90 min)	<b>Australian Communications and Media Authority</b>
12.45pm (45 min)	Lunch
1.30pm (90 min)	<b>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</b>
3.00pm (60 min)	<b>Office of the eSafety Commissioner</b>
4.00pm (15 min)	Afternoon tea
4.15pm (30 min)	<b>Australian Postal Corporation</b>
4.45pm (60 min)	<b>NBN Co Limited</b>

5.45pm (45 min)	Creative Australia
6.30pm (45 min)	Dinner
7.15pm (15 min)	Classification Board
7.30pm (15 min)	Classification Review Board
7.45pm (30 min)	Screen Australia
8.15pm (30 min)	Australian Film, Television and Radio School
8.45pm (15 min)	Evening tea
9.00pm (30 min)	Museum of Australian Democracy
9.30pm (30 min)	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts</p> <p><b>Outcome 6: Participation in, and access to, Australia's arts and culture through developing and supporting cultural expression</b></p> <p>Program 6.1 – Arts and Cultural Development</p> <p><b>Office for the Arts</b></p> <p><b>Closing the Gap Outcome 16: First Nations Languages</b></p>
10.00pm (15 min)	National Gallery of Australia
10.15pm (15 min)	National Archives of Australia
10.30pm (15 min)	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts</p> <p><b>Outcome 7: Contribute to healthy, active communities and a sustainable sport system through policy development, coordination and targeted support.</b></p> <p>Program 7.1: Sport and Physical Activity</p>
10.45pm (15 min)	Australian Sports Commission (Australian Institute of Sport)

11.00pm	Adjournment
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# Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26 Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 December 2025

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

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### Hearing location

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Parliament House, Canberra  
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Senator Karen Grogan, Chair  
Senator Dave Sharma, Deputy Chair  
Senator Jessica Collins  
Senator Richard Dowling  
Senator Barbara Pocock  
Senator Ellie Whiteaker

### Presiding Officer

President the Hon Sue Lines

### Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Don Farrell  
Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher  
Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy  
Senator the Hon Penny Wong

### Secretariat

Nicholas Craft, Committee Secretary  
Alexander Migdalias, Estimates Officer



### Due dates for questions on notice (QoNs)

Thursday, 11 December 2025: Senators' written QoNs  
Thursday, 29 January 2026: answers to QoNs



Monday, 1 December 2025

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## Parliamentary Departments

9.00am	<b>Department of the Senate</b> <b>Outcome 1: Advisory and administrative support services to enable the Senate and senators to fulfil their representative and legislative duties.</b> Program 1 – Advice and Support
9.20am	<b>Parliamentary Budget Office</b> <b>Outcome 1: Inform the Parliament by providing independent and non-partisan analysis of the budget cycle, fiscal policy and the financial implications of proposals.</b> Program 1.1 – Parliamentary Budget Office
9.40am	<b>Department of Parliamentary Services</b> <b>Outcome 1: Support the functions of Parliament and parliamentarians through the provision of professional services, advice and facilities, maintain Australian Parliament House and engage with the community.</b> Program 1.1 – Parliamentary Services  <b>Parliamentary Service Commissioner</b>
10.30am	Morning tea

## Prime Minister & Cabinet Portfolio

10.45am	<b>National Indigenous Australians Agency</b> <b>Outcome 1: Lead the development and implementation of the Australian Government's agenda to support the self-determination and aspirations of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities through working in partnership and effectively delivering programs.</b> Program 1.1 – Jobs, Land and the Economy Program 1.2 – Children and Schooling Program 1.3 – Safety and Wellbeing Program 1.4 – Culture and Capability Program 1.5 – Remote Australia Strategies Program 1.6 – Evaluation and Research Program 1.7 – Program support
12.00pm	<b>Anindilyakwa Land Council</b>  <b>Central Land Council (via videoconference)</b>  <b>Northern Land Council (via videoconference)</b>  <b>Tiwi Land Council</b>
1.00pm	Lunch

2.00pm	<p><b>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Provide high quality policy advice and support to the Prime Minister, the Cabinet, Portfolio Ministers Assistant Ministers including through coordination of government activities, policy development and program delivery.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1 – Prime Minister and Cabinet</p>
4.00pm	Afternoon tea
4.15pm	<p><b>Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (cont.)</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1 continued</b></p>
6.00pm	<p><b>Australian National Audit Office</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: To improve public sector performance and accountability through independent reporting on Australian Government administration to Parliament, the Executive and the public.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1 – Financial Statements Audit Services</p> <p>Program 1.2 – Performance Audit Services</p> <p>Program 1.3 – Performance Statements Audit Services</p>
6.30pm	Dinner
7:30pm	<p><b>Office of National Intelligence</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Advancement of Australia’s national interests through increased government awareness of international developments affecting Australia, and integration, coordination and evaluation of Australia’s national intelligence capabilities.</b></p>
8:00pm	<p><b>Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.</b></p>

## Finance Portfolio

8.30pm	<p><b>Department of Finance</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 2: Support an efficient and high performing public sector through providing leadership to Commonwealth entities in ongoing improvements to public sector governance, including through systems, frameworks, policy advice, service delivery, and managing, acquiring and divesting government investments.</b></p> <p>Program 2.1 – Public Sector Governance (Electoral Policy only—SMOS responsibility)</p> <p><b>Outcome 3: Support for Parliamentarians and others as required by the Australian Government through the delivery of and advice on, work expenses and allowances, entitlements and targeted programs.</b></p> <p>Program 3.1 – Ministerial and Parliamentary Services</p>
9.15pm	<p><b>Australian Electoral Commission</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1 – Deliver Electoral Events</p>

<b>9.45pm</b>	Tea break
<b>10.00pm</b>	<b>Parliamentary Workplace Support Service</b> <b>Outcome 1: Support Commonwealth Parliamentary Workplace Participants to build and maintain safe and respectful workplaces, including by supporting positive cultural change and providing human resource functions to parliamentarians and their staff.</b>
<b>10.30pm</b>	<b>Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority</b> <b>Outcome 1: Support for current and former parliamentarians and others as required by the Australian Government through the delivery of, independent oversight and advice on, work resources and travel resources.</b> Program 1.1 – Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority – Travel Oversight and Reporting
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

Tuesday, 2 December 2025

## Prime Minister & Cabinet Portfolio

9.00am	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations Office of Township Leasing
9.30am	Aboriginal Investment NT <i>fj JUj JXcWbZfYbVL</i> Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation <i>fj JUj JXcWbZfYbVL</i> <b>Outcome 1: Enhanced socio-economic development, maintenance of cultural identity and protection of the environment by Indigenous Australians through the acquisition and management of land, water and water-related rights.</b>
10.00am	Aboriginal Hostels Limited Outback Stores Pty Ltd ( <i>via videoconference</i> )
10.30am	Morning tea
10.45am	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Office for Women Workplace Gender Equality Agency <b>Outcome 1: Promote and improve gender equality in Australian workplaces including through the provision of advice and assistance to employers and the assessment and measurement of workplace gender data.</b>
11.45am	Australian Public Service Commission <b>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.</b> Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Australian Government Consulting
12.45pm	Lunch

## Finance Portfolio

1.45pm	Department of Finance <b>Outcome 1: Support sustainable Australian Government finances through providing high quality policy advice and operational support to the government and Commonwealth entities to maintain effective and efficient use of public resources.</b> Program 1.1 – Budget and Financial Management
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	<p><b>Outcome 2: Support an efficient and high performing public sector through providing leadership to Commonwealth entities in ongoing improvements to public sector governance, including through systems, frameworks, policy advice, service delivery, and managing, acquiring and divesting government investments.</b></p> <p>Program 2.1 – Public Sector Governance (excludes—Electoral Policy)</p> <p>Program 2.2 – Data Scheme</p> <p>Program 2.3 – Property and Construction</p> <p>Program 2.4 – Insurance and Risk Management</p> <p>Program 2.5 – Procurement</p> <p>Program 2.6 – Delivery of government technology services</p> <p>Program 2.7 – Service Delivery Office</p> <p>Program 2.8 – Public Sector Superannuation</p> <p>Program 2.9 – Australian Government Investment Funds</p> <p>Program 2.10 – Nuclear Powered Submarine Program Advice</p>
<b>4.00pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4.15pm</b>	<p><b>Department of Finance (cont.)</b></p> <p><b>Outcomes 1 and 2 continued</b></p>
<b>5.15pm</b>	<p><b>Services Australia</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Deliver high quality, accessible services and payments to individuals, families, businesses and partner agencies on behalf of Government; with a focus on contemporary service delivery and customer experience.</b></p>
<b>6.45pm</b>	Dinner
<b>7.45pm</b>	<p><b>Future Fund Management Agency</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Strengthen the Commonwealth’s financial position for the benefit of the Australian people, by managing the investment activities of the Future Fund and certain other Australian Government investment funds in line with their Investment Mandates.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1 – Management of the Investment of the Future Fund</p> <p>Program 1.2 – Management of the Investment of the Australian Government Investment Funds</p> <p><i>To be examined concurrently with:</i></p> <p>Department of Finance Program 2.9 – Australian Government Investment Funds</p>
<b>8.15pm</b>	<p><b>Digital Transformation Agency</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Support the government’s digital transformation, and simplify processes, reduce costs and generate reuse opportunities, through strategic and policy leadership, advice, strategic coordination and oversight of digital and ICT investment, and management of whole-of government digital and ICT procurement.</b></p>
<b>8.45pm</b>	<b>ASC Pty Ltd</b>
<b>9.15pm</b>	Tea break
<b>9.30pm</b>	<b>Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd</b>
<b>10.00pm</b>	<b>CEA Technologies Pty Limited</b>

10.30pm	<p><b>Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Retirement and insurance benefits for scheme members and beneficiaries, including past, present and future employees of the Australian Government and other eligible employers and members of the Australian Defence Force, through investment and administration of their superannuation funds and schemes.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Superannuation Scheme Governance</p>
11.00pm	Adjournment



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# Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025-26

## Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Monday, 1 December 2025 and Tuesday, 2 December 2025

**Main Committee Room**, Parliament House, Canberra

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### Committee members

Senator Jana Stewart, Chair

Senator Leah Blyth, Deputy Chair

Senator Dorinda Cox

Senator Andrew McLachlan CSC

Senator Helen Polley

Senator David Shoebridge

### Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Don Farrell

Senator the Hon Nita Green

Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister

Senator the Hon Murray Watt

### Secretariat

Monika Sheppard, Acting Committee Secretary

Senal Kiridena, Estimates Officer



### Questions on notice

Written questions on notice should be provided to the secretariat by **11 December 2025**.

Answers to questions taken on notice are due to the committee by **29 January 2026**.

Monday, 1 December 2025

## Attorney-General's Portfolio

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Attorney-General's Department</b> <b>Cross-portfolio, corporate and general matters</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Justice and Communities Group – Encompassing: First Nations and Justice Policy Division (First Nations Justice Branch, Native Title and Priority Reforms Branch, Legal Assistance Branch, Interim Justice Reinvestment Unit); Children and Families Division (Family Law Branch, Family and Community Safety Branch, National Office for Child Safety, Working With Children Checks Reform Taskforce); and Courts, Tribunals and Commercial Division (Federal Courts Branch, Administrative Law Branch, Commercial and Copyright Branch (&amp; Ai Team)).</b>  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 10: Adult Incarceration</b> <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 11: Youth Detention</b> <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 15: Native Title</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	<i>Morning tea</i>
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Justice and Communities Group and Closing the Gap Outcomes (Cont.)</b>
<b>12.00pm</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>Integrity and Security Group – Encompassing: International Cooperation and Human Rights Division (Human Rights Branch, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Branch, International Cooperation Unit, Parole Taskforce); Integrity and Criminal Law Division (Transparency Frameworks Branch, Fraud Prevention and Anti-Corruption Branch, National Security and Criminal Law Branch, Pacific Branch); Identity and Information Division (Information Law Branch, Privacy Reform Taskforce, Identity Branch); and International and Public Law Division (Office of International Law, Office of Legal Services Coordination, Knox Litigation and DVSRC Response Team, Office of Constitutional Law).</b>
<b>3.00pm</b>	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
<b>3.15pm</b>	<b>Australian Human Rights Commission*</b> Mr Hugh de Kretser, President Ms Katie Kiss, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mr Robert Fitzgerald AM, Age Discrimination Commissioner Ms Deborah Tsorbaris, Children's Commissioner Ms Rosemary Kayess, Disability Discrimination Commissioner Ms Lorraine Finlay, Human Rights Commissioner Mr Giridharan Sivaraman, Race Discrimination Commissioner Dr Anna Cody, Sex Discrimination Commissioner Ms Leanne Smith, Chief Executive
<b>4.45pm</b>	<b>National Anti-Corruption Commission</b>
<b>5.45pm</b>	<b>Office of the Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission*</b>
<b>6.00pm</b>	<i>Dinner</i>



<b>6.45pm</b>	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner*
<b>7.45pm</b>	Administrative Review Tribunal*
<b>8.15pm</b>	Federal Court of Australia*
<b>8.45pm</b>	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia*
<b>9.15pm</b>	Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions*
<b>9.45pm</b>	Australian Law Reform Commission*
<b>10.00pm</b>	Office of the Special Investigator
<b>10.15pm</b>	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman National Student Ombudsman
<b>10.30pm</b>	<i>Adjournment</i>

Tuesday, 2 December 2025

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## Home Affairs portfolio

9.00am	National Emergency Management Agency
10.00am	Department of Home Affairs (incl. Australian Border Force and Illicit Tobacco and E-cigarette Commissioner)  Cross-portfolio, corporate and general matters
10.30am	Morning tea
10.45am	<b>Outcome 1: Deliver national coordination, regulation and policy that safeguard Australia's domestic interests from national security threats, including cyber threats</b>  1.1 Transport Security 1.2 National Security and Resilience 1.3 Cyber Security 1.4 Counter Terrorism 1.5 Regional Cooperation
11.45am	Australia's Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism* (videoconference)
12.00pm	Australia's Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia*
12.15pm	Lunch
1.00pm	<b>Outcome 2: Support a united and prosperous Australia through effective coordination and delivery of immigration and citizenship policy and programs underpinned by robust integrity and assurance</b>  2.1 Migration 2.2 Visas 2.3 Refugee Humanitarian, Settlement and Migrant Services 2.4 UMA Offshore Management 2.5 Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship
3.00pm	Afternoon tea
3.15pm	<b>Outcome 3: Advance a prosperous and secure Australia through trade and travel facilitation and modernisation, and effective customs, immigration, maritime and enforcement activities across the border continuum</b>  3.1 Trade Facilitation and Industry Engagement 3.2 Border Management 3.3 Border Revenue 3.4 Border Enforcement 3.5 Onshore Compliance and Detention
5.15pm	Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre*

<b>5.30pm</b>	<i>Dinner</i>
<b>6.15pm</b>	<i>Australian Federal Police</i>
<b>7.45pm</b>	<i>Australian Security Intelligence Organisation</i>
<b>8.45pm</b>	<i>Australian Institute of Criminology</i>
<b>9.00pm</b>	<i>Adjournment</i>



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### Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

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#### Committee members

Senator Glenn Sterle, Chair  
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Deputy Chair  
Senator Richard Colbeck  
Senator Josh Dolega  
Senator Corinne Mulholland  
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson



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#### Due dates for questions on notice (QoNs)

11 December 2025: Senators' written QoNs  
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## Monday 1 December 2025

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### Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts portfolio, excluding Communications, Sport and the Arts

9.00am	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts</p> <p>Corporate matters</p>
10.00am	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts</p> <p><b>Outcome 1 – Improved infrastructure across Australia through investment in and coordination of transport and other infrastructure</b> Program 1.1 – Infrastructure Investment</p>
11.00am	Break
11.15am	<b>Outcome 1 (continued)</b>
12.00pm	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts</p> <p><b>Outcome 2 – An efficient, sustainable, competitive, safe and secure transport system for all transport users through regulation, financial assistance and safety investigations</b> Program 2.1 – Surface Transport Program 2.2 – Road Safety Program 2.3 – Air Transport</p>
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	<b>Outcome 2 (continued)</b>
3.00pm	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts</p> <p><b>Outcome 3 – Strengthening the sustainability, capacity and diversity of Australia's urban and regional areas including northern Australia, including through facilitating local partnerships between all levels of government and local communities; through investment in infrastructure and measures that stimulate economic growth; and providing grants and financial assistance</b> Program 3.1 – Regional Development Program 3.2 – Local Government Program 3.3 – Urban Development</p>

	Program 3.4 – Growing a Stronger Northern Australia Economy
<b>4.30pm</b>	Break
<b>4.45pm</b>	<b>Outcome 3 (continued)</b>
<b>5.45pm</b>	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts</p> <p><b>Outcome 4 – Good governance and service delivery in the Australian territories including through the maintenance and improvement of the laws and services for non-self-governing territories, and the overarching legislative framework for self-governing territories</b></p> <p>Program 4.1 – Services to Territories</p>
<b>6.30pm</b>	Dinner
<b>7.30pm</b>	Airservices Australia
<b>8.15pm</b>	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
<b>8.45pm</b>	Infrastructure Australia (via videoconference)
<b>9.10pm</b>	Break
<b>9.25pm</b>	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (via videoconference)
<b>9.40pm</b>	Australian Rail Track Corporation Inland Rail
<b>10.00pm</b>	High Speed Rail Authority
<b>10.15pm</b>	National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (via videoconference)
<b>10.30pm</b>	National Transport Commission (via videoconference)
<b>10.45pm</b>	Western Sydney Airport Corporation (via videoconference)
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

## Tuesday 2 December 2025

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### Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio

9.00am	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Corporate matters
10.00am	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry <b>Outcome 1 – More sustainable, productive, internationally competitive and profitable Australian agricultural, food and fibre industries through policies and initiatives that promote better resource management practices, innovation, self-reliance and improved access to international markets.</b>
11.00am	Break
11.15am	<b>Outcome 1 (continued)</b>
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	<b>Outcome 1 (continued)</b>
3.45pm	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry <b>Outcome 2 – Safeguard Australia's animal and plant health status to maintain overseas markets and protect the economy and environment from the impact of exotic pests and diseases, through risk assessment, inspection and certification, and the implementation of emergency response arrangements for Australian agricultural, food and fibre industries.</b>
4.15pm	Break
4.30pm	<b>Outcome 2 (continued)</b>
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	Australian Fisheries Management Authority
8.00pm	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
8.30pm	Australian Wool Innovation Limited (via videoconference)
8.45pm	Meat and Livestock Australia Limited
9.00pm	Dairy Australia Limited

<b>9.15pm</b>	Break
<b>9.30pm</b>	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority
<b>10.20pm</b>	Regional Investment Corporation
<b>10.40pm</b>	Inspector-General of Biosecurity
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment





## HEARING PROGRAM

# Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26

## Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Wednesday, 3 December – Thursday, 4 December 2025

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

Times listed are indicative only



### Hearing location

Committee Room 2S1,  
Parliament House, Canberra  
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Senator Dorinda Cox, Chair  
Senator Penny Allman-Payne, Deputy Chair  
Senator Michelle Ananda-Rajah  
Senator Alex Antic  
Senator Wendy Askew  
Senator the Hon Carol Brown

### Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher  
Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy  
Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister  
Senator the Hon Nita Green

### Secretariat

Apolline Kohen, Committee Secretary  
Ayrton Kiraly, Estimates Officer



### Due dates for questions on notice (QoNs)

Thursday, 11 December 2025: Senators' written QoNs  
Thursday, 29 January 2025: answers to QoNs

Wednesday, 3 December

## Health, Disability and Ageing Portfolio

9.00am	<b>Department of Health, Disability and Ageing</b> <b>Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters</b>
11.15am	Morning Break
11.30am	<b>Outcome 3: Ageing and Aged Care</b> Program 3.1: Access and Information Program 3.2: Aged Care Services Program 3.3: Aged Care Quality  <b>Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission</b> <b>Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority</b> <b>Inspector-General of Aged Care</b>
1.00pm	Lunch Break
2.00pm	<b>Outcome 3: Ageing and Aged Care (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b>
4.00pm	Afternoon Break
4.15pm	<b>Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support</b> Program 1.1: Health Research, Coordination and Access Program 1.2: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention ( <u>including the National Mental Health Commission</u> ) Program 1.3: First Nations Health Program 1.4: Health Workforce Program 1.5: Preventative Health and Chronic Disease Support Program 1.6: Primary Health Care Quality and Coordination Program 1.7: Primary Care Practice Incentives and Medical Indemnity Program 1.8: Health Protection, Emergency Response and Regulation ( <u>including the Therapeutic Goods Administration</u> ) Program 1.9: Immunisation ( <u>including the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation</u> )  <b>Closing the Gap Outcomes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outcome 1: Life Expectancy</li><li>• Outcome 2: Healthy Birthweights</li><li>• Outcome 14: Social and Emotional Wellbeing</li></ul>

	<b>Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care</b> <b>Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency</b> <b>Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</b> <b>National Blood Authority</b> <b>National Health and Medical Research Council</b>
<b>6.15pm</b>	Dinner Break
<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued)</b> <b>Closing the Gap Outcomes (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b>
<b>9.00pm</b>	Evening Break
<b>9.15pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued)</b> <b>Closing the Gap Outcomes (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b>
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

## Thursday, 4 December

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### Health, Disability and Ageing and Social Services Portfolio

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Department of Health, Disability and Ageing</b> <b>Outcome 2: Individual Health Benefits</b> Program 2.1: Medical Benefits Program 2.2: Hearing Services Program 2.3: Pharmaceutical Benefits Program 2.4: Private Health Insurance Program 2.5: Dental Services Program 2.6: Health Benefit Compliance Program 2.7: Assistance through Aids and Appliances <b>Professional Services Review</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	Morning Break
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Outcome 4: Disability and Carers</b> Program 4.1: Disability and Carers Program 4.2: National Disability Insurance Scheme

<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>National Disability Insurance Agency</b> <b>NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission</b>
<b>1.15pm</b>	Lunch Break
<b>2.15pm</b>	<b>National Disability Insurance Agency (continued)</b> <b>NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (continued)</b>
<b>4.15pm</b>	Afternoon Break
<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Department of Social Services</b> <b>Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters</b>
<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Social Security</b> Program 1.1: Support for Families Program 1.2: Paid Parental Leave Program 1.3: Support for Seniors Program 1.4: Financial Support for People with Disability Program 1.5: Financial Support for Carers Program 1.6: Working Age Payments Program 1.7: Student Payments Program 1.8: Employment Services Cross Program – Rent Assistance
<b>6.30pm</b>	Dinner Break
<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Social Security (continued)</b>
<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Outcome 2: Families and Communities</b> Program 2.1: Families and Communities ( <u>including the Closing the Gap Taskforce</u> )  <b>Closing the Gap Outcomes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome 12: Children in Out-Of-Home Care</li> <li>• Outcome 13: Family Safety</li> </ul> <b>Australian Institute of Family Studies</b> <b>Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission</b> <b>National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People</b>
<b>9.00pm</b>	Evening Break

<b>9.15pm</b>	<b>Outcome 2: Families and Communities (continued)</b> <b>Closing the Gap Outcomes (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b>
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment



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## HEARING PROGRAM

# Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025-26 Economics Legislation Committee

Wednesday, 3 December and Thursday, 4 December 2025

**Committee Room 2R1**, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



### Hearing location

Committee Room 2R1,

Parliament House, Canberra

Waiting room: Committee Room 2R2

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### Committee members

Senator Lisa Darmanin (Chair)

Senator the Hon Jane Hume (Deputy Chair)

Senator Deborah O'Neill

Senator Charlotte Walker

Senator Nick McKim

Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan



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### Ministers attending

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Written questions on notice due:

11 December 2025

Answers to Questions on Notice due:

29 January 2026

### Committee rooms

Committee Room 2R1: (02) 6277 2986

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Wednesday, 3 December 2025

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Treasury Portfolio

<b>9.00am</b> (90 mins)	Reserve Bank of Australia
<b>10.30am</b>	Break (10)
<b>10.40am</b> (80 mins)	Department of the Treasury Revenue Group
<b>12.00pm</b> (80 mins)	Department of the Treasury Markets Group
<b>1.20pm</b>	Lunch (45)
<b>2.05pm</b> (45 mins)	Department of the Treasury Fiscal Group
<b>2.50pm</b> (50 mins)	Department of the Treasury Small Business, Corporate and Law Group
<b>3.40pm</b>	Break (10)
<b>3.50pm</b> (50 mins)	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
<b>4.40pm</b> (70 mins)	Australian Securities and Investments Commission
<b>5.50pm</b>	Dinner (45)
<b>6.35pm</b> (60 mins)	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
<b>7.35pm</b> (25 mins)	Australian Bureau of Statistics
<b>8.00pm</b>	Break (10)

<b>8.10pm</b> (70 mins)	<p>Australian Taxation Office</p> <p>Tax Practitioners Board</p> <p>Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission</p>
<b>9.20pm</b> (20 mins)	Australian Office of Financial Management
<b>9.40pm</b> (20 mins)	Commonwealth Grants Commission
<b>10.00pm</b>	<i>Adjournment</i>

## Thursday, 4 December 2025

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### Treasury Portfolio

<b>9.00am</b> (120 mins)	<p>Department of the Treasury</p> <p>Including Jenny Wilkinson PSM (until 11am)</p> <p>Macroeconomic Group</p> <p>International and Foreign Investment Group</p>
<b>11.00am</b>	Break (10)
<b>11.10am</b> (70 mins)	<p>Department of the Treasury</p> <p>Housing Group</p> <p>Housing Australia</p> <p>(Including Closing the Gap Outcome 9: Housing)</p>
<b>12.20pm</b> (50 mins)	Productivity Commission
<b>1.10pm</b>	Lunch (45)



# Industry, Science and Resources Portfolio

<b>1.55pm</b> (30 mins)	<b>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</b> <b>Corporate, Enabling and Business Services</b>
<b>2.25pm</b> (40 mins)	<b>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</b> <b>Outcome 1:</b> Support economic growth, productivity and job creation for all Australians by investing in science and technology, growing innovative and competitive businesses, industries and regions, and supporting resources sector.  <b>Program 1.1: Growing innovative and competitive businesses, industries and regions</b>  Manufacturing and National Reconstruction Fund  Anti-Dumping Commission
<b>3.05pm</b> (50 mins)	<b>National Reconstruction Fund Corporation</b>
<b>3.55pm</b>	<b>Break (10)</b>
<b>4.05pm</b> (70 mins)	<b>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</b> <b>Outcome 1:</b> (Continued) <b>Program 1.2: Investing in science, technology and commercialisation</b>  <b>The Chief Scientist</b> <b>Office of Industry Innovation and Science Australia</b>
<b>5.15pm</b> (75 mins)	<b>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</b> <b>Outcome 1:</b> (Continued) <b>Program 1.3: Supporting a strong resources sector</b> <u>Topics and entities</u> Minerals and Resources  Oil and Gas

<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Dinner (45)</b>
<b>7.15pm</b> (40 mins)	<b>Department of Industry, Science and Resources</b> <b>Outcome 1:</b> (Continued) <b>Program 1.3: (Cont.)</b> <u>Topics and entities</u> Radioactive Waste Management Maralinga Maintenance and Site Remediation National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator Australian Radioactive Waste Agency
<b>7.55pm</b> (45 mins)	<b>National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority</b>
<b>8.40pm</b>	<b>Break (10)</b>
<b>8.50pm</b> (30 mins)	<b>Net Zero Economy Authority</b>
<b>9.20pm</b> (40 mins)	<b>Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation</b>
<b>10.00pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>



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## HEARING PROGRAM

### Supplementary Budget Estimates 2026–26 Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Wednesday, 3 December – Thursday, 4 December

**Committee Room 2S3**, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



#### Hearing location

Committee Room 2S3  
Parliament House, Canberra  
Waiting room: Committee Room 2S2



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Senator Marielle Smith, Chair  
Senator Maria Kovacic, Deputy Chair  
Senator Mehreen Faruqi  
Senator Corinne Mulholland  
Senator Josh Dolega  
Senator Dave Sharma

#### Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Murray Watt  
Senator the Hon Dr Jess Walsh

#### Secretariat

Gerry McNally, Committee Secretary  
Aisha Bottrill, Estimates Officer



#### Due dates for Questions on Notice

Written questions: 11 December 2025  
Answers: 29 January 2025

Wednesday, 3 December

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## Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio

9.00am	<b>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</b> <b>Cross-portfolio, Corporate and Enabling Services, and general matters</b>
10.00am	<b>Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations</b> 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	<b>Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations (continued)</b> 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
12.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm	<b>Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations (continued)</b> 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
2:15pm	Break
2.30pm	<b>Outcome 1 – Employment</b> 1.1: Employment Services  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 8: Strong economic participation and development of people and their communities</b>
4:00pm	Afternoon tea
4.15pm	<b>Outcome 1 – Employment (continued)</b> 1.1: Employment Services  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 8: Strong economic participation and development of people and their communities (continued)</b>
4.45pm	<b>Outcome 2: Skills and Training (including Jobs and Skills Australia)</b> 2.1: Building Skills and Capacity 2.2: VET Student Loans 2.3: DEWR – Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 7: Youth are engaged in employment and education</b>
5.45pm	<b>Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman</b>
6.45pm	Dinner break
7.45pm	<b>Fair Work Commission</b>
9.00pm	<b>Comcare</b>
9.30pm	Tea break

9.45pm	Safe Work Australia
10.15pm	Australian Skills Quality Authority
10.45pm	Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation
11.00pm	Adjournment

## Thursday, 4 December

### Education Portfolio

9.00am	<b>Department of Education Corporate and Enabling Services</b>
10.00am	<b>Outcome 1: Schools and Youth</b> 1.3: Government Schools National Support 1.4: Non-Government Schools National Support 1.5: Early Learning and Schools Support  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 5: : Students achieve their full learning potential</b>
10.30am	Morning tea
10.45am	<b>Outcome 1: Schools and Youth (continued)</b>  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 5: Students achieve their full learning potential (continued)</b>
12.15pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited
1.45pm	Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
2:15pm	<b>Outcome 1: Early Childhood</b> 1.1: Support for the Childcare System 1.2: Child Care Subsidy  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 3: Children are engaged in high quality, culturally appropriate early childhood education in their early years</b> <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 4: Children thrive in their early years</b>
3.00pm	Afternoon tea
3:15pm	<b>Outcome 1: Early Childhood (continued)</b>  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 3: Children are engaged in high quality, culturally appropriate early childhood education in their early years (continued)</b> <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 4: Children thrive in their early years (continued)</b>
4:15pm	Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority

<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Outcome 2: Higher Education, Research and International</b> 2.1 : Commonwealth Grant Scheme 2.2 : Higher Education Superannuation Scheme 2.3 : Higher Education Support 2.4 : Higher Education Loan Program 2.5 : Investment in Higher Education Research 2.6 : Research Capacity 2.7 : International Education Support 2.8: Nuclear Powered Submarine Program  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 6: Students reach their full potential through further education pathways</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	Dinner
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Outcome 2: Higher Education, Research and International (continued)</b>  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 6: Students reach their full potential through further education pathways (continued)</b>
<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency</b>
<b>8.45pm</b>	Tea break
<b>9.00pm</b>	<b>Australian Research Council</b>
<b>10.00pm</b>	Adjournment



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## HEARING PROGRAM

# Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26

## Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Wednesday, 3 December 2025 – Thursday, 4 December 2025

**Main Committee Room (MCR), Parliament House, Canberra**

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Parliament House, Canberra

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Senator Raff Ciccone

(Chair)

Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson

(Deputy Chair)

Senator Varun Ghosh

Senator Andrew McLachlan CSC

Senator David Shoebridge

Senator Ellie Whiteaker

### Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister

Senator the Hon Penny Wong

Senator the Hon Don Farrell

### Secretariat

Pothida Youhorn, Committee Secretary

Georgia O'Connor, Estimates Officer



Written questions on notice are due to the secretariat by **11 December 2025**.

Answers to questions taken on notice are due to the committee by **29 January 2026**.

Wednesday, 3 December 2025

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## Defence Portfolio

9.00am	<p><b>Department of Veterans' Affairs</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Maintain and enhance the financial wellbeing and self-sufficiency of eligible persons and their dependants through access to income support, compensation, and other support services, including advice and information about entitlements.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Veterans' Income Support and Allowances</p> <p>Program 1.2: Veterans' Disability Support</p> <p>Program 1.3: Assistance to Defence Widow/ers and Dependants</p> <p>Program 1.4: Assistance and Other Compensation for Veterans and Dependants</p> <p>Program 1.5: Veterans' Children Education Scheme</p> <p>Program 1.6: Veterans' Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts Payments - Income Support and Compensation</p> <p><b>Outcome 2: Maintain and enhance the physical and mental wellbeing and quality of life of eligible persons and their dependants through health and other care services that promote early intervention, prevention and treatment, including advice and information about health service entitlements.</b></p> <p>Program 2.1: General Medical Consultations and Services</p> <p>Program 2.2: Veterans' Hospital Services</p> <p>Program 2.3: Veterans' Pharmaceutical Benefits</p> <p>Program 2.4: Veterans' Community Care and Support</p> <p>Program 2.5: Veterans' Counselling and Other Health Services</p> <p>Program 2.6: Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Acts - Health and Other Care Services</p> <p><b>Outcome 3: Acknowledgement and commemoration of those who served Australia and its allies in wars, conflicts and peace operations through promoting recognition of service and sacrifice, preservation of Australia's wartime heritage, and official commemorations.</b></p> <p>Program 3.1: War Graves</p> <p>Program 3.2: Commemorative Activities</p>
11.00am	Morning tea
11.10am	<p><b>Australian War Memorial</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Australians remembering, interpreting and understanding the Australian experience of war and its enduring impact through maintaining and developing the National Memorial, its collection and exhibition of historical material, commemorative ceremonies and research.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: To maintain and develop the National Memorial and a National Collection of historical material and through commemorative ceremonies, exhibitions, research, interpretation and dissemination.</p>
11.30am	<p><b>Department of Defence</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Defend Australia and its national interests through the conduct of operations and provision of support for the Australian community and civilian authorities in accordance with Government direction.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Operations Contributing to the Safety of the Immediate Neighbourhood</p> <p>Program 1.2: Operations Supporting Wider Interests</p> <p>Program 1.3: Defence Contribution to National Support Tasks in Australia</p> <p><b>Outcome 2: Protect and advance Australia's strategic interests through the</b></p>



	<p><b>provision of strategic policy, the development, delivery and sustainment of military, intelligence and enabling capabilities, and the promotion of regional and global security and stability as directed by Government.</b></p> <p>Program 2.1: Strategy, Policy and Industry</p> <p>Program 2.2: Defence Executive Support (including Governance Group)</p> <p>Program 2.3: Defence Finance</p> <p>Program 2.4: Joint Capabilities</p> <p>Program 2.5: Navy Capabilities</p> <p>Program 2.6: Army Capabilities</p> <p>Program 2.7: Air Force Capabilities</p> <p>Program 2.8: Australian Defence Force Headquarters</p> <p>Program 2.9: Capability Acquisition and Sustainment (including Guided Weapons and Explosive Ordnance Group)</p> <p>Program 2.10: Security and Estate</p> <p>Program 2.11: Defence Digital</p> <p>Program 2.12: Defence People (including Chief of Personnel)</p> <p>Program 2.13: Defence Science and Technology</p> <p>Program 2.14: Defence Intelligence</p> <p>Program 2.15: Naval Shipbuilding and Sustainment</p> <p>Program 2.16: Nuclear-Powered Submarines</p> <p>Program 2.19: Defence Trusts and Joint Accounts</p> <p>Program 2.20: Defence Force Superannuation Benefits</p> <p>Program 2.21: Defence Force Superannuation Nominal Interest</p> <p>Program 2.22: Housing Assistance</p> <p>Program 2.23: Other Administered</p>
<b>1.00pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1.45pm</b>	<b>Department of Defence (continued)</b>
<b>4.00pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4.10pm</b>	<b>Department of Defence (continued)</b>
<b>5.00pm</b>	<p><b>Australian Submarine Agency</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Safely and securely acquire, construct, deliver, technically govern, sustain and dispose of Australia's conventionally-armed nuclear-powered submarine capability, via the AUKUS partnership.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Nuclear-Powered Submarines</p>
<b>6.30pm</b>	Dinner break
<b>7.15pm</b>	<b>Australian Submarine Agency (continued)</b>

<b>8:00pm</b>	<p><b>Australian Signals Directorate</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Defend Australia from global threats and advance our national interests through the provision of foreign signals intelligence, cyber security and offensive cyber operations, as directed by Government.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Foreign Signals Intelligence, Cyber Security and Offensive Cyber Operations</p>
<b>8.30pm</b>	<p><b>Defence Housing Australia</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: To contribute to Defence outcomes by providing total housing services that meet Defence Operational and client needs through a strong customer and business focus.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: The provision of Defence housing and housing related services</p>
<b>9.00pm</b>	<b>Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force</b>
<b>9.30pm</b>	<b>Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI)</b>
<b>10.00pm</b>	Adjournment

## Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio

9.00am	<p><b>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs)</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: The advancement of Australia's international strategic, security and economic interests including through bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement on Australian Government foreign, trade and international development policy priorities.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Operations  Program 1.2: Official Development Assistance  Program 1.3: Official Development Assistance - Multilateral Replenishments  Program 1.4: Payments to International Organisations  Program 1.5: New Colombo Plan - Transforming Regional Relationships  Program 1.6: Public Information Services and Public Diplomacy  Program 1.7: Programs to Promote Australia's International Tourism Interests  Program 1.8: Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program</p> <p><b>Outcome 2: The protection and welfare of Australians abroad and access to secure international travel documentation through timely and responsive travel advice and consular and passport services in Australia and overseas.</b></p> <p>Program 2.1: Consular Services  Program 2.2: Passport Services</p> <p><b>Outcome 3: A secure Australian Government presence overseas through the provision of security services and information and communications technology infrastructure, and the management of the Commonwealth's overseas property estate.</b></p> <p>Program 3.1: Foreign Affairs and Trade Security and IT  Program 3.2: Overseas Property</p>
11.00am	Morning tea
11.10am	<p><b>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs) (continued)</b></p>
1.00pm	Lunch
1.45pm	<p><b>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (non-trade programs) (continued)</b></p>
4.00pm	Afternoon tea
4.10pm	<p><b>Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR)</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 1: To achieve more productive and sustainable agricultural systems for the benefit of developing countries and Australia through international agricultural research and training partnerships.</b></p> <p>Program 1.1: International agricultural research-for-development for more productive and sustainable agriculture</p>
4.30pm	<p><b>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (trade programs)</b></p>

<b>6.00pm</b>	Dinner break
<b>6.45pm</b>	<b>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (trade programs)</b>
<b>7:45pm</b>	<b>Export Finance Australia</b>
<b>8:30pm</b>	<b>Australian Trade and Investment Commission</b>  <b>Outcome 1: To contribute to Australia's economic prosperity by supporting Australian exporters to expand internationally, attracting productive international investment, and growing the visitor economy.</b> Program 1.1: Supporting Australian exporters to expand internationally, attracting productive international investment, and growing the visitor economy Program 1.2: Programs to support Australian exporters to expand internationally, attract productive international investment, and grow the visitor economy  <b>Outcome 2: The protection and welfare of Australians abroad through timely and responsive consular and passport services in specific locations overseas.</b> Program 2.1: Consular and Passport Services
<b>9.15pm</b>	<b>Tourism Australia</b>  <b>Outcome 1: Grow demand and foster a competitive and sustainable Australian tourism industry through partnership marketing to targeted global consumers in key markets.</b> Program 1.1: Supporting Outcome 1
<b>10.00pm</b>	Adjournment