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Additional Estimates 2020–21

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Monday, 22 March – Friday, 26 March 2021

Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



Hearing location

Committee room 2S3,
Parliament House, Canberra
Waiting room: 1S3



Committee members

Senator the Hon David Fawcett, Chair
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Deputy Chair
Senator Catryna Bilyk
Senator Nita Green
Senator Sam McMahon
Senator David Van



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Monday, 22 March

Agriculture, Water and the Environment Portfolio, excluding agriculture and water

9.00am	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment General questions
9.40am	Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities Program 1.1: Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment (funding), including Office of the Threatened Species Commissioner
11.05am	Morning tea
11.20am	Threatened Species Scientific Committee Professor Helene Marsh, Chair (via videoconference)
11.35am	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities Program 1.2: Environmental Information and Research
11.55am	Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities Program 1.4: Conservation of Australia's Heritage and Environment (regulation)
12.40pm	Outcome 2: Advance Australia’s strategic, scientific, environmental and economic interests in the Antarctic region by protecting, administering and researching the region Program 2.1: Antarctica: Science, Policy and Presence (via videoconference)
12.55pm	Lunch break

1.55pm	<p>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities</p> <p>Program 1.5: Environmental Regulation</p>
2.55pm	<p>Outcome 1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia’s biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances, and coordination of climate change adaptation strategy and climate change science activities</p> <p>Program 1.6: Management of Hazardous Wastes, Substances and Pollutants</p>
3.55pm	Afternoon tea
4.10pm	Bureau of Meteorology
4.40pm	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
5.00pm	Director of National Parks

Industry, Science, Energy and Resources Portfolio, excluding industry, science and resources

5.15pm	<p>Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources</p> <p>General questions</p>
5.55pm	<p>Outcome 2: Reduce Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions, contribute to effective global action on climate change, and support technological innovation in clean and renewable energy, through developing and implementing a national response to climate change</p> <p>Program 2.1: Reducing Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions Program 2.2: Developing clean energy technology</p>
6.45pm	Dinner break
7.45pm	<p>Outcome 3: Support the affordable, reliable, secure and competitive operation of energy markets for the long term benefit of the Australian community through improving Australia’s energy supply, efficiency, quality, performance and productivity</p> <p>Program 3.1: Supporting reliable, secure and affordable energy</p>

8.30pm	Australian Renewable Energy Agency
9.00pm	Clean Energy Finance Corporation
9.30pm	Tea break
9.45pm	Clean Energy Regulator
10.00pm	Climate Change Authority
10.15pm	Snowy Hydro Limited
11.00pm	Adjournment

Tuesday, 23 March

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Portfolio, excluding infrastructure, transport and regional development

9.00am	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications General questions
10.30am	Morning tea
10.45am	Australian Postal Corporation
12.15pm	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Outcome 6: Participation in, and access to, Australia's arts and culture through developing and supporting cultural expression Program 6.1: Arts and Cultural Development
1.15pm	Lunch break

2.15pm	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
3.45pm	Special Broadcasting Service Corporation
4.00pm	Afternoon tea
4.15pm	Australian Communications and Media Authority
5.30pm	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</p> <p>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</p> <p>Program 5.1: Digital Technologies and Communications Services</p>
6.30pm	Dinner break
7.30pm	<p>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</p> <p>Program 5.1: Digital Technologies and Communications Services (continued)</p>
8.30pm	Screen Australia
9.15pm	Tea break
9.30pm	Australia Council
10.00pm	Office of the eSafety Commissioner
11.00pm	Adjournment

Friday, 26 March

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications Portfolio, excluding infrastructure, transport and regional development

9.00am	NBN Co Limited
10.30am	Morning tea
10.45am	NBN Co Limited (continued)
12.15pm	Adjournment
