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HEARING PROGRAM

Additional Estimates 2024–25

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Monday 24 February, Tuesday 25 February and Friday 28 February 2025

Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



Hearing location

Committee Room 2S3,
Parliament House, Canberra
Waiting room: Committee Room 1S4



Committee members

Senator Karen Grogan, Chair
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young, Deputy Chair
Senator Catryna Bilyk
Senator Ross Cadell
Senator Lisa Darmanin
Senator Leah Blyth



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Questions on notice

Questions from Senators due: 4 March 2025
Answers due from Departments: 24 March 2025

Monday, 24 February

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

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| 9.00am | Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Corporate matters and general questions |
| 9.30am | 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. Program 1.1: Reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions |
| 10.30am | Emissions Reduction Assurance Committee |
| 10.45am | Morning tea |
| 11.00am | Outcome 1: Continued Program 1.2: Support reliable, secure and affordable energy |
| 12.25pm | Australian Renewable Energy Agency |
| 12.45pm | Lunch |
| 1.45pm | Clean Energy Finance Corporation |
| 2.00pm | Climate Change Authority |
| 2.30pm | Snowy Hydro Limited |
| 3.15pm | Clean Energy Regulator |

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| 3.45pm | Afternoon tea |
| 4.00pm | Australian Energy Regulator |
| 4.15pm | Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner |
| 4.30pm | <p>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</p> <p>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.</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> |
| 6.25pm | Dinner |
| 7.25pm | <p>Outcome 2: Continued</p> <p>Program 2.2: Protect Australia's cultural, historic and First Nations heritage</p> |
| 8.00pm | <p>Outcome 2: Continued</p> <p>Program 2.3: Accelerate the transition to a circular economy, while safely managing pollutants and hazardous substances.</p> |
| 8.30pm | Bureau of Meteorology |
| 9.15pm | Evening tea |
| 9.30pm | Threatened Species Scientific Committee (via videoconference) |
| 9.45pm | Australian Institute of Marine Science |
| 10.10pm | Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority |

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| <p>10.30pm</p> | <p>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> |
| <p>11.00pm</p> | <p>Adjournment</p> |

Tuesday, 25 February

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

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| 9.00am | Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Corporate matters and general questions |
| 9.15am | 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. Program 5.1 – Digital Technologies and Communications Services |
| 10.30am | Morning tea |
| 10.45am | Outcome 5: continued Program 5.1 – Digital Technologies and Communications Services |
| 11.30am | Australian Communications and Media Authority |
| 1.00pm | Lunch |
| 2.00pm | Australian Broadcasting Corporation |
| 3.45pm | Afternoon tea |
| 4.00pm | Office of the eSafety Commissioner |
| 5.15pm | Australian Postal Corporation |
| 6.00pm | Dinner |
| 7.00pm | NBN Co Limited |

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| 8.00pm | Classification Board |
| 8.15pm | Evening tea |
| 8.30pm | Creative Australia |
| 9.45pm | Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts 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 |
| 10.45pm | National Gallery of Australia |
| 11.00pm | Adjournment |