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## HEARING PROGRAM

### **Additional Estimates 2025-26**

### **Environment and Communications Legislation Committee**

Monday 9 February, Tuesday 10 February 2026

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

Times listed are indicative only



#### Hearing location

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

#### Questions on notice

Questions from Senators due: 20 February 2026  
Answers due from Departments: 10 April 2026



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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

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James Blair, Estimates Officer

# Monday, 9 February

## Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Time	AGENCY
9.00am (30 min)	<b>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</b> Corporate matters and general questions
9.30am (45 min)	<b>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</b> <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> Program 2.1: Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia's environment through a nature positive approach, including the Office of the Threatened Species Commissioner
10.15am (15 min)	Morning Tea
10.30am (30 min)	<b>Outcome 2: Continued</b> Program 2.2: Protect Australia's cultural, historic and First Nations heritage
11.00am (30 min)	<b>Outcome 2: Continued</b> Program 2.3: Accelerate the transition to a circular economy, while safely managing pollutants and hazardous substances.
11.30am (45 min)	<b>Bureau of Meteorology</b> <b>Australian Climate Service</b>
12.15pm (45 min)	<b>Inspector-General of Water Compliance</b>
1.00pm (45 min)	Lunch
1.45pm (30 min)	<b>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</b> <b>Outcome 4: Improve the health of rivers and wetlands and enhance the sustainable, efficient and productive use of Australia's water resources.</b> Program 4.1 - Protect, restore and sustainably manage Australia's water resources, including:

	<p><b>Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Commonwealth Environmental Water Office</b></p> <p><b>Murray-Darling Basin Authority</b></p> <p><b>National Water Grid Authority</b></p>
<p><b>2.15pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b></p>	<p><b>Threatened Species Scientific Committee</b></p>
<p><b>2.45pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b></p>	<p><b>Australian Institute of Marine Science</b></p>
<p><b>3.15pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b></p>	<p><b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b></p>
<p><b>3.45pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</b></p> <p><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></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><b>4.15pm</b> <b>(15 min)</b></p>	<p>Afternoon tea</p>
<p><b>4.30pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</b></p> <p><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></p> <p>Program 1.1: Reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions</p>
<p><b>5.00pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b></p>	<p><b>Outcome 1: Continued</b></p> <p>Program 1.2: Support reliable, secure and affordable energy</p>
<p><b>5.30pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b></p>	<p><b>Climate Change Authority</b></p>
<p><b>6.00pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b></p>	<p><b>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</b></p>
<p><b>6.30pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b></p>	<p><b>Emission Reduction Assurance Committee</b></p>

<b>7.00pm</b> <b>(45 min)</b>	Dinner
<b>7.45pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b>	Snowy Hydro Limited
<b>8.15pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b>	Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner
<b>8.45pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b>	Offshore Infrastructure Registrar and Offshore Infrastructure Regulator
<b>9.15pm</b> <b>(15 min)</b>	Evening Tea
<b>9.30pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b>	Australian Energy Regulator
<b>10.00pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b>	Clean Energy Regulator
<b>10.30pm</b> <b>(30 min)</b>	Australian Renewable Energy Agency
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

## Tuesday, 10 February

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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 (15 min)	<b>Special Broadcasting Service</b>
3.15pm (60 min)	<b>Office of the eSafety Commissioner</b>
4.15pm (15 min)	Afternoon tea
4.30pm (30 min)	<b>Australia Post</b>

5.00pm (45 min)	NBN Co Limited
5.45pm (45 min)	Creative Australia
6.30pm (45 min)	Dinner
7.15pm (30 min)	Screen Australia
7.45pm (30 min)	Australian Film, Television and Radio School
8.15pm (30 min)	National Museum of Australia
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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