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Budget Estimates 2021–22

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Monday, 24 May – Thursday, 27 May 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, 24 May

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

9.00am	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment General questions
10.00am	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
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	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 (continued)
12.00pm	Threatened Species Scientific Committee Professor Helene Marsh, Chair (via videoconference)
12.15pm	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
1.15pm	Lunch break
2.15pm	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)

3.55pm	Australian National Audit Office
4.15pm	Afternoon tea
4.30pm	<p>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</p> <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>
6.05pm	Dinner break
7.05pm	<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>
8.05pm	Director of National Parks
8.45pm	Tea break
9.00pm	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
9.30pm	Bureau of Meteorology
10.30pm	<p>Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment</p> <p>Outcome 2: Advance Australia’s strategic, scientific, environmental and economic interests in the Antarctic region by protecting, administering and researching the region.</p> <p>Program 2.1: Antarctica: Science, policy and presence (via videoconference)</p>
11.00pm	Adjournment

Tuesday, 25 May

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

9.00am	Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources General questions
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	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. Program 2.1: Reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions
12.15pm	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. Program 2.2: Developing clean energy technology
1.15pm	Lunch break
2.15pm	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. Program 3.1: Supporting reliable, secure and affordable energy
4.15pm	Afternoon tea
4.30pm	Snowy Hydro Limited
5.30pm	Australian Renewable Energy Agency
6.30pm	Dinner break
7.30pm	Clean Energy Finance Corporation
8.30pm	Clean Energy Regulator
9.30pm	Tea break

9.45pm	Climate Change Authority
10.45pm	Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner* Mr Andrew Dyer, Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner (via videoconference)
11.00pm	Adjournment

* Previously known as the National Wind Farm Commissioner

Wednesday, 26 May

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
11.15am	Morning tea
11.30am	Australian National Audit Office
12.00pm	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications 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
1.30pm	Lunch break
2.30pm	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 (continued)
4.30pm	Afternoon tea
4.45pm	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
6.15pm	Dinner break

7.15pm	Australian Broadcasting Corporation (continued)
8.45pm	Tea break
9.00pm	Special Broadcasting Service Corporation
10.00pm	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications</p> <p>Outcome 6: Participation in, and access to, Australia's arts and culture through developing and supporting cultural expression.</p> <p>Program 6.1: Arts and cultural development</p>
11.00pm	Adjournment

Thursday, 27 May

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	Lunch break
1.15pm	Australian Postal Corporation
3.45pm	Afternoon tea
4.00pm	Australia Council
4.45pm	Screen Australia

5.15pm	Dinner break
6.15pm	Office of the eSafety Commissioner
8.15pm	Tea break
8.30pm	Australian Communications and Media Authority
10.30pm	Classification Board
11.00pm	Adjournment