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## HEARING PROGRAM

### Budget Estimates 2024–25

#### Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Tuesday 28 May–Friday 31 May 2024 and Friday 7 June 2024

**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 Fatima Payman  
Senator Dave Sharma



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#### Questions on notice

Due date for questions from Senators: 14 June 2024  
Due date for answers: 18 July 2024

Tuesday, 28 May

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## Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

<b>9.00am</b> <b>(1.5 hour)</b>	<b>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</b> Corporate matters and general questions
<b>10.30am</b> <b>(3 hours)</b>	<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
<b>10.45am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Continued</b> Program 1.1: Reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions
<b>12.45pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1.45pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Continued</b> Program 1.1: Reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions
<b>2.45pm</b> <b>(30 minutes)</b>	<b>Climate Change Authority</b>
<b>3.15pm</b> <b>(2 hours)</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Continued</b> Program 1.2: Support reliable, secure and affordable energy
<b>3.45pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Continued</b> Program 1.2: Support reliable, secure and affordable energy
<b>5.30pm</b> <b>(45 minutes)</b>	<b>Snowy Hydro Limited</b>
<b>6.15pm</b>	Dinner
<b>7.15pm</b> <b>(30 minutes)</b>	<b>Clean Energy Finance Corporation</b>
<b>7.45pm</b> <b>(45 minutes)</b>	<b>Clean Energy Regulator</b>

<b>8.30pm</b>	Evening tea
<b>8.45pm (30 minutes)</b>	<b>Australian Energy Regulator</b>
<b>9.15pm (30 minutes)</b>	<b>Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner</b>
<b>9.45pm (45 minutes)</b>	<b>Australian Renewable Energy Agency</b>
<b>10.30pm (30 minutes)</b>	<b>Offshore Infrastructure Registrar &amp; Offshore Infrastructure Regulator</b>
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

## Wednesday, 29 May

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<b>9.00am (3 hours 15 minutes)</b>	<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>
<b>10.45am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.00am</b>	<p><b>Outcome 2: Continued</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>
<b>12.30pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1.30pm (1 hour)</b>	<p><b>Outcome 2: Continued</b></p> <p>Program 2.2: Protect Australia's cultural, historic and First Nations heritage</p>
<b>2.30pm (1.5 hours)</b>	<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 including the office of the Supervising Scientist.</p>
<b>3.30pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>3.45pm</b>	<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 including the office of the Supervising Scientist.</p>

<b>4.15pm</b> <b>(45 minutes)</b>	<b>Director of National Parks</b>
<b>5.00pm</b> <b>(1.25 hours)</b>	<b>Bureau of Meteorology</b>
<b>6.15pm</b>	Dinner
<b>7.15pm</b> <b>(45 minutes)</b>	<b>Threatened Species Scientific Committee</b>
<b>8.00pm</b> <b>(45 minutes)</b>	<b>Australian Institute of Marine Science</b>
<b>8.45pm</b>	Evening tea
<b>9.00pm</b> <b>(1.25 hours)</b>	<b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority</b>
<b>10.15pm</b> <b>(45 minutes)</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

Thursday, 30 May

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

<b>9.00am</b> <b>(1 hour)</b>	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</b> Corporate matters and general questions
<b>10.00am</b> <b>(2 hr 45 minutes)</b>	<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>10.45am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Outcome 5: Continued</b> Program 5.1 – Digital Technologies and Communications Services
<b>1.00pm</b>	Lunch
<b>2.00pm</b> <b>(1 hr 45 min)</b>	<b>Office of the eSafety Commissioner</b>
<b>3.45pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4.00pm</b> <b>(2 hours)</b>	<b>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</b>
<b>6.00pm</b> <b>(15 minutes)</b>	<b>Special Broadcasting Service Corporation</b>
<b>6.15pm</b>	Dinner
<b>7.15pm</b> <b>(1 hr 30 minutes)</b>	<b>Australian Communications and Media Authority</b>
<b>8.45pm</b>	Evening tea
<b>9.00pm</b> <b>(45 minutes)</b>	<b>Australian Postal Corporation</b>

<b>9.45pm</b> <b>(45 minutes)</b>	<b>NBN Co Limited</b>
<b>10.30pm</b> <b>(30 minutes)</b>	<b>Classification Board</b>
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

## Friday, 31 May

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<b>9.00am</b> <b>(2 hrs 45 minutes)</b>	<b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</b> <b>Outcome 6: Participation in, and access to, Australia's arts and culture through developing and supporting cultural expression</b> Program 6.1 – Arts and Cultural Development
<b>11.00am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Outcome 6: Continued</b> Program 6.1 – Arts and Cultural Development
<b>12.00pm</b> <b>(1 hour)</b>	<b>Creative Australia</b>
<b>1.00pm</b>	Lunch
<b>2.00pm</b> <b>(30 minutes)</b>	<b>National Museum of Australia</b>
<b>2.30pm</b> <b>(30 minutes)</b>	<b>National Portrait Gallery of Australia</b>
<b>3.00pm</b> <b>(30 minutes)</b>	<b>National Gallery of Australia</b>
<b>3.30pm</b>	Adjournment