



PARLIAMENT
OF AUSTRALIA

HEARING PROGRAM

Budget Estimates 2025–26

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

*Thursday 27 March, Monday 31 March, Tuesday 1 April and
Friday 4 April 2025

Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

** Dates for the 2025-26 Budget estimates hearings are pursuant to the resolution of the Senate of 25 March 2025.*

Times listed are indicative only



Hearing location

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



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Questions on notice

Questions from Senators due: Wednesday 16 April 2025
Answers due from Departments: Thursday 29 May 2025



Committee members

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

Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Tim Ayres
Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister

Secretariat

Stephen Palethorpe, Committee Secretary
James Blair, Estimates Officer

Friday, 4 April (CANCELLED*)

Cross Portfolio Murray Darling Basin Plan matters

9.00am	Inspector-General of Water Compliance
10.00am	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Outcome 4: Improve the health of rivers and wetlands and enhance the sustainable, efficient and productive use of Australia's water resources. Program 4.1 - Protect, restore and sustainably manage Australia's water resources, including: Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Commonwealth Environmental Water Office Murray-Darling Basin Authority National Water Grid Authority Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (Water Reform Branch)
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	Outcome 4, Program 4.1 continued Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Commonwealth Environmental Water Office Murray-Darling Basin Authority National Water Grid Authority Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (Water Reform Branch)
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Outcome 4, Program 4.1 continued Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Commonwealth Environmental Water Office Murray-Darling Basin Authority National Water Grid Authority
3.30pm	Adjournment

*Due to the 47th Parliament being prorogued at 8.29am on Friday 28 March 2025, the estimates hearings for Friday 28 March 2025 to Friday 4 April 2025 were cancelled.