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OF AUSTRALIA

HEARING PROGRAM

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025-26

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Tuesday 7 October, Wednesday 8 October, Monday 1 December and
Tuesday 2 December 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



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Questions on notice

For hearings on 7 and 8 October 2025:

Questions from Senators due: 16 October 2025

Answers due from Departments: 28 November 2025

For hearings on 1 and 2 December 2025:

Questions from Senators due: 11 December 2025

Answers due from Departments: 29 January 2026



Committee members

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

Secretariat

Tas Larnach, Committee Secretary

James Blair, Estimates Officer

Monday, 1 December

Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

Time	AGENCY
9.00am (30 min)	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water Corporate matters and general questions
9.30am (45 min)	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water 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
10.15am (15 min)	Morning Tea
10.30am (45 min)	Outcome 1: Continued Program 1.2: Support reliable, secure and affordable energy
11.15am (30 min)	Climate Change Authority
11.45am (30 min)	Clean Energy Finance Corporation
12.15pm (30 min)	Emission Reduction Assurance Committee
12.45pm (45 min)	Lunch
1.30pm (30 min)	Snowy Hydro Limited
2.00pm (30 min)	Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner

2.30pm (30 min)	Australian Energy Regulator
3.00pm (30 min)	Clean Energy Regulator
3.30pm (15 min)	Afternoon tea
3.45pm (30 min)	Australian Renewable Energy Agency
4.15pm (30 min)	Offshore Infrastructure Registrar and Offshore Infrastructure Regulator
4.45pm (30 min)	Bureau of Meteorology
5.15pm (30 min)	<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>
5.45pm (30 min)	<p>Outcome 2: Continued</p> <p>Program 2.2: Protect Australia's cultural, historic and First Nations heritage</p>
6.15pm (30 min)	<p>Outcome 2: Continued</p> <p>Program 2.3: Accelerate the transition to a circular economy, while safely managing pollutants and hazardous substances.</p>
6.45pm (45 min)	Dinner
7.30pm (45 min)	Inspector-General of Water Compliance
8.15pm (60 min)	<p>Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water</p> <p>Outcome 4: Improve the health of rivers and wetlands and enhance the sustainable, efficient and productive use of Australia's water resources.</p> <p>Program 4.1 - Protect, restore and sustainably manage Australia's water resources, including:</p> <p>Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder and Commonwealth Environmental Water Office</p>

	Murray-Darling Basin Authority National Water Grid Authority
9.15pm (15 min)	Evening Tea
9.30pm (30 min)	Threatened Species Scientific Committee
10.00pm (20 min)	Australian Institute of Marine Science
10.20pm (20 min)	Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
10.40pm (20 min)	Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water 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. 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
11.00pm	Adjournment

Tuesday, 2 December

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

TIME	AGENCY
9.00am (30 min)	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts Corporate matters and general questions
9.30am (90 min)	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 Closing the Gap Outcome 17: Digital Inclusion
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am (90 min)	Australian Communications and Media Authority
12.45pm (45 min)	Lunch
1.30pm (90 min)	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
3.00pm (60 min)	Office of the eSafety Commissioner
4.00pm (15 min)	Afternoon tea
4.15pm (30 min)	Australian Postal Corporation
4.45pm (60 min)	NBN Co Limited

5.45pm (45 min)	Creative Australia
6.30pm (45 min)	Dinner
7.15pm (15 min)	Classification Board
7.30pm (15 min)	Classification Review Board
7.45pm (30 min)	Screen Australia
8.15pm (30 min)	Australian Film, Television and Radio School
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>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> <p>Office for the Arts</p> <p>Closing the Gap Outcome 16: First Nations Languages</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>Outcome 7: Contribute to healthy, active communities and a sustainable sport system through policy development, coordination and targeted support.</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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