



## HEARING PROGRAM

# Budget Estimates 2026-27

## Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Monday, 25 May 2026 – Thursday, 28 May 2026

**Main Committee Room**, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only, \* indicates interstate agency



### Hearing location

Main Committee Room (MCR),  
Parliament House, Canberra  
Waiting rooms: Committee Room 1S2, MCR Waiting  
Room 1, MCR Waiting Room 2  
Waiting overflow room: Committee Room 1S3



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### Committee members

Senator Jana Stewart, Chair  
Senator Leah Blyth, Deputy Chair  
Senator Dorinda Cox  
Senator Andrew McLachlan CSC  
Senator Helen Polley  
Senator David Shoebridge

### Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Don Farrell  
Senator the Hon Nita Green  
Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister  
Senator the Hon Murray Watt

### Secretariat

Tanya Spisbah, Committee Secretary  
Senal Kiridena, Estimates Officer



### Questions on notice

Written questions on notice should be provided to the secretariat by **5 June 2026**.

Answers to questions taken on notice are due to the committee by **17 July 2026**.

Monday, 25 May 2026

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## Attorney-General's Portfolio

9.00am	<b>Attorney-General's Department</b> Cross-portfolio, corporate and general matters
10.30am	<i>Morning break</i>
10.45am	<b>Justice and Communities Group – Encompassing: First Nations and Justice Policy Division (First Nations Justice Branch, Native Title and Priority Reforms Branch, Legal Assistance Branch, Interim Justice Reinvestment Unit); Children and Families Division (Family Law Branch, Family and Community Safety Branch, National Office for Child Safety); and Courts, Tribunals and Commercial Division (Federal Courts Branch, Administrative Law Branch, Commercial and Copyright Branch Law Branch).</b>  Closing the Gap Outcome 10: Adult Incarceration Closing the Gap Outcome 11: Youth Detention Closing the Gap Outcome 15: Native Title
12.45pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1.15pm	<b>Justice and Communities Group and Closing the Gap Outcomes (Cont.)</b>
2.30pm	<i>Afternoon break</i>
2.45pm	<b>Integrity and Security Group – Encompassing: International Cooperation and Human Rights Division (Human Rights Branch, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Branch, International Cooperation Unit, Parole Taskforce); Integrity and Criminal Law Division (Transparency Frameworks Branch, Fraud Prevention and Anti-Corruption Branch, National Security and Criminal Law Branch, Pacific Branch); Identity and Information Division (Information Law Branch, Privacy Reform Taskforce, Identity Branch); and International and Public Law Division (Office of International Law, Office of Legal Services Coordination, Office of Constitutional Law, Royal Commission Branch).</b>
6.00pm	<i>Dinner</i>
6.30pm	<b>Integrity and Security Group (Cont.)</b>
7.15pm	<b>Integrity and Security Group (Cont.)</b>
8.15pm	<b>Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion</b>
9.45pm	<i>Adjournment</i>

Tuesday, 26 May 2026

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## Attorney-General's Portfolio

<b>9.00am</b>	Office of the Australian Information Commissioner*
<b>10.00am</b>	Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia*
<b>10.45am</b>	<i>Morning break</i>
<b>11.00am</b>	Federal Court of Australia*
<b>11.30am</b>	Administrative Review Tribunal*
<b>12.15pm</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>12.45pm</b>	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman
<b>1.30pm</b>	Office of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions*
<b>2.30pm</b>	<i>Afternoon break</i>
<b>2.45pm</b>	<b>Australian Human Rights Commission*</b> Mr Hugh de Kretser, President Ms Katie Kiss, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Ms Deborah Tsorbaris, Children's Commissioner Ms Rosemary Kayess, Disability Discrimination Commissioner Ms Lorraine Finlay, Human Rights Commissioner Mr Robert Fitzgerald AM, Age Discrimination Commissioner Mr Giridharan Sivaraman, Race Discrimination Commissioner Dr Anna Cody, Sex Discrimination Commissioner Ms Leanne Smith, Chief Executive
<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>National Anti-Corruption Commission</b> The Honourable Paul Brereton AM RFD SC, NACC Commissioner Ms Nicole Rose PSM, NACC Deputy Commissioner Dr Ben Gauntlett, NACC Deputy Commissioner Ms Kylie Kilgour, NACC Deputy Commissioner
<b>6.15pm</b>	<i>Dinner</i>
<b>6.45pm</b>	Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission*
<b>8.00pm</b>	Office of the Special Investigator
<b>8.30pm</b>	Australian Anti-Slavery Commissioner
<b>8.55pm</b>	Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security
<b>9.15pm</b>	<i>Adjournment</i>



Wednesday, 27 May 2026

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## Home Affairs portfolio

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>National Emergency Management Agency</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<i>Morning break</i>
<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Department of Home Affairs (incl. Australian Border Force and Illicit Tobacco and E-cigarette Commissioner)</b> <b>Cross-portfolio, corporate and general matters</b>
<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Deliver national coordination, regulation and policy that safeguard Australia's domestic interests from national security threats, including cyber threats</b> 1.1 Transport Security 1.2 National Security and Resilience 1.3 Cyber Security 1.4 Counter Terrorism 1.5 Regional Cooperation
<b>1.30pm</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1 (continued)</b>
<b>2.45pm</b>	<i>Afternoon break</i>
<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1 (continued)</b>
<b>5.15pm</b>	<b>Outcome 2: Support a united and prosperous Australia through effective coordination and delivery of immigration and citizenship policy and programs underpinned by robust integrity and assurance</b> 2.1 Migration 2.2 Visas 2.3 Refugee Humanitarian, Settlement and Migrant Services 2.4 UMA Offshore Management 2.5 Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship
<b>6.15pm</b>	<i>Dinner</i>
<b>6.45pm</b>	<b>Outcome 2 (continued)</b>
<b>8.45pm</b>	<b>Outcome 2 (continued)</b>
<b>9.45pm</b>	<i>Adjournment</i>

Thursday, 28 May 2026

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## Home Affairs portfolio

<b>9.00am</b>	<p>Department of Home Affairs (incl. Australian Border Force and Illicit Tobacco and E-cigarette Commissioner)</p> <p><b>Outcome 3: Advance a prosperous and secure Australia through trade and travel facilitation and modernisation, and effective customs, immigration, maritime and enforcement activities across the border continuum</b></p> <p>3.1 Trade Facilitation and Industry Engagement 3.2 Border Management 3.3 Border Revenue 3.4 Border Enforcement 3.5 Onshore Compliance and Detention</p>
<b>10.30am</b>	<i>Morning break</i>
<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Outcome 3 (continued)</b>
<b>12.45pm</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>1.15pm</b>	<b>Outcome 3 (continued)</b>
<b>2.45pm</b>	Australia's Special Envoy to Combat Antisemitism*
<b>3.30pm</b>	Australia's Special Envoy to Combat Islamophobia*
<b>4.15pm</b>	Australian Federal Police
<b>6.30pm</b>	<i>Dinner</i>
<b>7.00pm</b>	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
<b>8.30pm</b>	Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre*
<b>9.10pm</b>	Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (incl. the Australian Institute of Criminology)
<b>9.45pm</b>	<i>Adjournment</i>