Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Estimates spill-over 2022-23
Tuesday, 21 March 2023
Daily summary

The committee met from 7.08pm until 10.05pm.

Areas of interest covered by the committee included:

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)

- The finalisation of the design competition and related considerations regarding the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural precinct, Ngurra
- AIATSIS' involvement in repatriation processes.

Outback Stores Pty Ltd

- Cost of living considerations—particularly the price of staple grocery items and fuel
- Breakdown on the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff employed at a senior leadership level
- Outback Stores role in improving dietary outcomes in Indigenous communities and its relationship with other food providers in regional areas.

Cross-portfolio on Indigenous matters (National Indigenous Australians Agency and the Department of Health)

- Tuberculosis outbreak in Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) lands in South Australia
- The Indigenous Pathways Pastoral Program
- The design process of legislative models for the Voice to Parliament
- Considerations of the First Nations Referendum Working Group
- Rollout and design of the new Community Development Program
- 'Funding 500 First Nations health workers' program
- Funding of women's legal services in the Northern Territory
- Consultations with communities, both in directly in Alice Springs and greater NT for funding as part of community-led response to improve community safety in Alice Springs package funding
- Advice provided to the NIAA on the opt in policy for the alcohol restrictions into the Northern Territory
- The life expectancy gap, and existing health inequities—the availability of renal care and medical infrastructure funding
- Appropriate access to healthcare and medical treatment in incarceration
- Closing the Gap priorities and targets
  Allocation of NIAA budget funding.