



Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates 2019-20
Friday, 6 March 2020
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.00am to 3.00pm.

The committee called agencies for its cross portfolio hearing on Indigenous matters:

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio (Indigenous agencies)

- Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation;
- Australian Institute of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies;
- Indigenous Business Australia; and
- National Indigenous Australians Agency (and Department of Health).

Topics discussed by the committee included:

Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation

- fisheries industry and promoting local Indigenous businesses;
- cashless debit card extension; and
- property investment and divestment.

Australian Institute of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Studies

- status of Indigenous languages and upcoming publication of an Indigenous language dictionary; and
- research work undertaken to advance indigenous language and culture.

Indigenous Business Australia

- support package for customer affected by the bushfires;
- impacts of coronavirus on the Indigenous tourism industry; and
- tracking mechanisms to continuously assess business investments and waiting periods for business finance support.

National Indigenous Australians Agency

- community development programs in Indigenous areas;
- National Partnership Agreement for Remote Housing;
- water security;
- constitutional recognition of Indigenous peoples and an Indigenous voice in the Parliament; and
- funding to the National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services.

Department of Health

- impact of coronavirus on Indigenous communities; and
- suicide prevention and medical health.

Hearings for Additional Budget Estimates 2019–20 have now concluded.