



Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
Additional Estimates 2023–24  
Tuesday, 13 February 2024  
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.52pm.

The committee called the following departments and agencies:

- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
  - Office for Women
  - Jenkins Report Implementation Team
  - Australian Government Consulting
- Workplace Gender Equality Agency
- Australian Public Service Commission
- Department of Finance
  - Outcome 1
  - Outcome 2 (excluding electoral policy)
- ASC Pty Ltd
- Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd
- Future Fund Management Agency
- Digital Transformation Agency
- Australian National Audit Office

Topics discussed by the committee included:

PMC (Office for Women), Workplace Gender Equality Agency

- Jenkins report implementation, parliamentary calendar and school holidays;
- Rates and prevention of domestic violence;
- Work on establishing the Independent Parliamentary Standards Commission;
- Women’s Economic Equality Taskforce, advice on gender equal take up on parental leave;
- Stage three tax cuts and relevant analysis undertaken by Office for Women; and
- Take up on Women’s Economic Equality Taskforce recommendations.

Australian Public Service Commission (APS Reform Office), Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

- Australian Government Consulting function and accountability mechanisms;
- Enterprise bargaining agreements;
- Remote work arrangements for department and agency heads;
- Breaches of APS Code of Conduct;

- Right to disconnect and related complaints; and
- Staff satisfaction as indicated by census results.

#### Department of Finance

- Whole of Government Property Service Providers;
- Revisions to stage 3 tax cuts;
- Procurement and utilisation of consultants and contractors;
- Political donations;
- Pro-bono consulting services to government;
- ANAO budget measures;
- APS net zero strategy—environmental and sustainability measures for Commonwealth car fleet and Finance building;
- International Monetary Fund report on inflation; and
- Commonwealth vehicle loans.

#### ASC Pty Ltd

- Collins class submarine life of type extension and future submarine program; and
- Remuneration of ASC Managing Director & CEO Mr Stuart Whiley.

#### Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd

- Osborne North Development Project.

#### Future Fund Management Agency

- Selection of a new Chair; and
- Investment guidelines, policies, and decisions: net zero, alcohol, and banks.

#### Digital Transformation Agency

- APS management of artificial intelligence opportunities and security concerns; and
- Ongoing projects—release of digital project data.

#### Australian National Audit Office

- Auditing of the Victorian Suburban Rail Loop project;
- Performance audit of the Australian Public Service Commission; and
- Performance audit of the Parliamentary Expenses Management System.