



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates 2025–26
Monday, 9 February 2026
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.01am until 10.23pm.

The committee called the Attorney-General's Department portfolio and discussed the following topics:

Attorney-General's Department

Cross portfolio and general matters

- Bondi terror attack and Antisemitism;
- Freedom of Information statistics; and
- Reform on working with vulnerable people checks.

Justice and Communities and Group

- Legal assistance funding and the National Access to Justice Partnership;
- Frameworks for safety and governance in relation to artificial Intelligence; and
- Age of criminal responsibility.

Integrity and Security Group

- Review into federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies led by Dennis Richardson;
- Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion;
- Covert recordings: Ray-Bans, meadow Wayfarer glasses;
- President Isaac Herzog's visit to Australia;
- UN Geneva Convention, Genocide Convention or war crimes relating to the conflict in Gaza;
- Mandatory minimum sentencing for child sexual abuse; and
- Investigation by the Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission on the National Anti-Corruption Commissioner.

Australian Human Rights Commission

- Antisemitism and racism;
- Racism against First Nations individuals;
- Social media ban and the intersection with human rights; and
- Political freedom of Australian diaspora communities exposed to foreign interference.

National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC)

- Staff migration from Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) to the NACC;
- Appointment of Geoffrey Nettle as an independent reconsideration delegate;
- Correspondence between Attorney-General and the NACC Commissioner regarding Commissioner Brereton's position as a Major General and advice provided to the Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force (IGADF); and

- Alleged leaking of confidential information by Commissioner Brereton to a member of Australian Federal Police and Army Reserves.

Inspector of the National Anti-Corruption Commission

- Investigation into Commissioner Brereton of the NACC.

Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

- Development of an online children's privacy code;
- Administrative Review Tribunal (ART) review of decision on Bunnings' use of facial recognition technology;
- Privacy concerns related to Australian Federal Police's use of Auror;
- Privacy concerns related to use of data collected by motor vehicles; and
- Privacy concerns of the Department of Home Affairs sharing of information with the United States government.

Federal Court of Australia (FCA)

- VIQ solutions and court transcripts; and
- Family violence measures within FCA.

Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia

- VIQ solutions and court transcripts.

Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP)

- KPIs of the CDPP.

Administrative Review Tribunal (ART)

- Finalisation of student visa matters.

Independent National Security Legislation Monitor

- Review of the definition of a terrorist attack;

Office of the Special Investigator

- Requests for information from the IGADF.

The committee will resume its examination of 2025-26 Additional Estimates with the Home Affairs portfolio at 9:00am on Tuesday, 10 February 2026.

Please contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 3560 or LegalCon.Sen@aph.gov.au if you have any questions.