



Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2020-21
Monday, 9 November 2020
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 4.32pm until 10.02pm.

The committee called:

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications portfolio, excluding Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development:

- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications;
- Australian Broadcasting Corporation;
- Australian Postal Corporation; and
- NBN Co Limited.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

- investigation into Australia Post;
- SBS board appointment, Mr Warren Mundine;
- staffing numbers in the department; and
- ACCC's digital platform services inquiry 2020-2025.

Australian Broadcasting Corporation

- Four Corners program to air on Monday, 9 November 2020;
- ABC Code of Conduct; and
- ABC's full-time equivalent staffing numbers.

Australian Postal Corporation

- appointment of a new CEO;
- delivery service standards and performance;
- \$1.3 million Boston Consulting Group report;
- board meeting frequency;
- senior executive remuneration and;
- circumstances and processes around Ms Holgate standing aside;
- timeline of the purchase of Cartier watches by Australia Post.

NBN Co Limited

- 2020-23 Corporate Plan; and
- breakdown of spending.

The committee will next meet at 9.15am on Wednesday, 11 November 2020 in Committee Room 2S3, to continue its examination of the Agriculture, Water and the Environment portfolio, excluding Agriculture and Water.