



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee  
Budget Estimates 2020-21  
Monday, 19 October 2020  
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.00am until 9.42pm.

The committee called Department of Home Affairs, examining cross portfolio, corporate and general matters and Outcomes 1, 2 and 3.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- ICAC investigation into Darryl McGuire;
- implementation of a new visa processing system by 2022-23;
- resettlement of refugees from PNG/Nauru to United States;
- returning Australians from overseas before Christmas;
- significant investor visa category and priority occupation categories;
- travel bubble between Australia and New Zealand;
- Paladin contract;
- family from Biloela;
- emergency management Australia briefing to Cabinet Ministers regarding emergency response;
- counter terrorism strategy for Islamic extremists and right wing extremists;
- resettlement of detainees in offshore facilities, including in New Zealand and the United States;
- changes to requirements for partner visas;
- protection of migrant workers;
- visa cancellations on character grounds; and
- COVID-19 and the backlog of processing visa applications.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Tuesday, 20 October 2020 in the Main Committee Room.