



Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2020-21
Thursday, 22 October 2020
Daily summary

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

The committee met from 9.02am until 11.00pm.

The committee called the communications and arts-related outcomes of the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications portfolio, including:

- Australian Postal Corporation; Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications; Australia Council; Classification Board; Screen Australia; and NBN Co Limited.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- Australia Post postage pricing;
- COVID-19 impact on Australia Post and response;
- memorandum of understanding entered into by Australia Post and the Communications, Electrical and Plumbing Union;
- Australia Post's Unaddressed Mail Service;
- Australia Post's electric delivery vehicles;
- Australia Post remuneration arrangements;
- regulations on mail delivery timing and the impact of COVID-19;
- Temporary Interruption Fund which aims to support local film and television producers;
- arts sector and JobKeeper and JobMaker;
- National Museum and National Gallery funding;
- Australian television broadcast content quotas;
- role of the Creative Economy Taskforce;
- Australia Council funding;
- decisions of the Classification Board;
- delivery and costing of the NBN;
- particulars of NBN Co's Multi Technology Mix;
- particulars of NBN Co's Strategic Review;
- NBN Co's corporate plans over time;
- regional Australia's connectivity and challenges of the NBN roll-out;
- impact of COVID-19 on NBN's baseline, online traffic and number of customers; and
- Sky Muster™ Plus customer numbers and upgrades.

This concludes the scheduled hearings for the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee's Budget Estimates 2020-21.