



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee  
Budget Estimates 2020-21  
Thursday, 22 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 9.45pm.

The committee called the Attorney-General's Department, examining the Legal Services and Families Group; National Archives of Australia; Australian Financial Security Authority; High Court of Australia; Australian Human Rights Commission; Office of the Australian Information Commissioner; Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security; Administrative Appeals Tribunal; Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity; Commonwealth Ombudsman; Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability; and Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- APS employee's twitter account – Royal Commission into Aged Care maintaining impartiality;
- impact of COVID-19 restrictions on human rights;
- freedom of information requests;
- areas of improvement for the national intelligence agencies regarding human rights;
- appointments to the AAT; and
- ACLEI investigation into the Department of Home Affairs.

This concludes the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee hearings for Budget estimates 2020-21.