



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2021-22
Monday, 24 May 2021
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 10.59pm.

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

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- re-opening of Australia's international border;
- contracts awarded to Canconstruct International for services on Nauru;
- freedom of information;
- public statements given by Mr Pezzullo regarding prospects of future conflict;
- US re-settlement program;
- Safer Communities Fund;
- reforms to transport security under the Transport Security Amendment (Serious Crime) Bill 2019;
- implementation of recommendations from the *Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements*;
- cyber threats to major critical infrastructure;
- Emergency Response Fund;
- migration program planning levels across the forward estimates;
- operation of the *Migration Amendment (Clarifying International Obligations for Removal) Act 2021*;
- impact of COVID-related measures on the granting of visas, including humanitarian visas, visas allocated by Global Talent Program and partner visas;
- impact of travel restrictions on family re-unification; and
- ministerial consideration of the matter concerning the family from Biloela.