



Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
Budget Estimates 2021-22  
Tuesday, 25 May 2021  
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.01am to 10.58pm.

The committee called Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

- matters relating to the alleged sexual assault that occurred in the Ministerial Wing;
- constitutional arrangements for the death of a monarch;
- Senator Reynolds' reappointment to Cabinet;
- Mr Porter's ministerial duties;
- use of the Special Purpose Aircraft;
- ceremonial arrival procedures;
- staff allocated to offices of independent parliamentarians;
- state visits;
- cost of maintaining the Prime Minister's residences;
- conduct of party-political business from the Lodge;
- COVID-19 vaccinations for the department and the APS;
- Howard Springs NT;
- disbanding of the National COVID-19 Commission Advisory Board;
- PM&C AusTender Contracts;
- membership and functions of Cabinet committees, policy committees and National Cabinet;
- FOI issues around National Cabinet;
- ministerial meetings;
- Prime Minister's Office cabinet wall;
- quarantine facilities;
- death of Prince Phillip;
- Australia's stranded in India due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Mr Pezullo's ANZAC Day speech;
- QAnon;
- enterprise agreement negotiations;
- climate coordinator role;
- naval shipbuilding; and
- National Australia Day Council review.