



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2021-22
Thursday, 27 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 11.01pm.

The committee called the following witnesses from the Attorney-General's portfolio:

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal;
- Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability;
- Australian Human Rights Commission;
- Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions;
- Office of the Australian Information Commissioner;
- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity;
- Commonwealth Ombudsman; and
- National Archives of Australia.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- appointments to the AAT;
- members' output and workload;
- extension of the reporting date for the Royal Commission into Violence, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability and future measures;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner's report, *Wiyi Yani U Thangani (Women's Voices)*;
- 'Racism stops with me' tender and the Australian Human Rights Commission's stance on systematic racism;
- prosecution of Mr Richard Boyle;
- FOI timelines and caseload;
- expansion of ACLEI's jurisdiction to include the ATO, ACCC and ASIC;
- complaints to the Ombudsman about the operation of Comcare;
- resources of the National Archives;
- preservation of deteriorating records; and
- implementation of the recommendations of the Tune Review.

This concludes the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee hearings for Budget estimates 2021-22.