



Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2021-22
Friday, 28 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 3.06pm.

The committee called the cross-portfolio on Indigenous Matters:

- Indigenous Land and Sea Council;
- Indigenous Business Australia;
- Northern Land Council;
- Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations;
- National Indigenous Australians Agency; and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (Department of Health).

Topics discussed by the committee included:

Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation

- board composition.

Indigenous Business Australia

- role and overlap with other parts of the portfolio; and
- consultation and discussion – collaboration between agencies.

Northern Land Council

- traditional owners – who is eligible to speak;
- consultation with traditional owners and affected groups;
- consent regarding mining exploration;
- access to damaged sites;
- 'manufacturing consent' for mining;
- heads of family being included at the table rather than the NLC; and
- court process with Parks Australia.

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

- numbers of corporations having to go into liquidation;
- assistance provided once corporations are having financial problems (under administration); and
- ORIC's priorities under the Act.

National Indigenous Australians Agency

- consultation regarding an Indigenous voice and closing the gap;
- Remote Australia Strategy – additional funding – Commonwealth liability in remote housing;
- staffing;
- Indigenous deaths in custody;

- ministerial meetings;
- Justice Policy Partnership;
- funds received by Enterprise Management Group;
- site visits to Enterprise Management Group; and
- Indigenous APS employees.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (Department of Health)

- COVID-19 vaccine rollout;
- Indigenous deaths in custody; and
- medical services available on Mornington Island.