



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2022-23
Monday, 4 April 2022
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 5.09pm.

The committee called:

- Department of Home Affairs for Outcomes 2 and 3; Attorney-General's Department for cross-portfolio, corporate and general matters; and Legal Services and Families Group from the Attorney-General's Department.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- Murugappan family (the family from Biloela);
- number of detainees in alternative places of detention;
- resettlement agreements with the United States and New Zealand;
- agriculture visa;
- processing times for partner visas;
- digitisation of border passes;
- detention facility on Christmas Island;
- number of Australian Border Force vessels that have experienced cases of COVID-19;
- settlement of claims made against former High Court Justice Dyson Heydon;
- funding for legal assistance and support in relation to the floods in New South Wales and Queensland;
- funding of the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions;
- future funding for the Attorney-General's Department;
- legal assistance offered to ministers and former ministers;
- Social Media (Anti-Trolling) Bill 2022;
- operation of the National Legal Assistance Partnership and funding for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal services; and
- status of the Family Law Amendment (Western Australia De Facto Superannuation Splitting and Bankruptcy) Act 2020.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Tuesday, 5 April in the Main Committee Room for examination of the Attorney General's portfolio.