



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee  
Budget Estimates 2022-23  
Tuesday, 5 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 9.02am until 1.10pm.

The committee called:

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal; Australian Human Rights Commission; Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia; Office of the Australian Information Commissioner; Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability; and Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

The Integrity and International Group; Australian Government Solicitor Group and Enabling Services Group were released from the hearing.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- administrative systems used by the Administrative Appeals Tribunal;
- appointment of 19 new members to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on 4 April 2022;
- advertisement process of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Registrar role;
- qualifications and professional history of recent appointments to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal;
- proportion of female Administrative Appeals Tribunal members;
- financial management of the Australian Human Rights Commission;
- number of staff employed by the Australian Human Rights Commission;
- jurisdiction of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia to hear a number of cases that were pending in the Family Court of Australia prior to the merging of the Federal Circuit Court and the Family Court of Australia on 1 September 2021;
- Australian Information Commissioner's litigation against Facebook Inc and Facebook Ireland;
- support provided to individuals providing evidence to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability; and
- resourcing for the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

This concludes the committee's Budget Estimates hearings.