



Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2022-23
Friday, 8 April 2022
Daily summary

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

The committee met from 9.10am to 11.05am.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

National Indigenous Australians Agency

- opening statement by Ms Broun; outlining recent budget measures;
- Local and Regional Voices;
- Indigenous Advancement Strategy; how much money available for various programs and services;
- funding and application processes for regional infrastructure and facilities;
- Remote Engagement Program extension measures;
- trial sites and co-design processes for the Remote Engagement Program;
- Machinery of Government to move Heritage funding from Agriculture to NIAA;
- NIAA support as required for remote enrolment with remote communities; and
- McDonald vs Commonwealth Class Action.

Cross portfolio

- Biosecurity Act restrictions on remote communities; Commonwealth biosecurity determinations in WA since 2020.

The following agencies were released from the hearing as no Senators had questions for them:

- Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation; Aboriginal Hostels Limited; Central Land Council; Northern Land Council; Outback Stores Pty Ltd; and Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations.