



Senate Economics Legislation Committee  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2019-20  
Thursday, 24 October 2019  
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Economics Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.00am until 11.03pm.

The committee called:

- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC);
- National Competition Council;
- Australian Bureau of Statistics;
- Infrastructure and Project Financing Agency;
- National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation;
- Department of Industry, Innovation and Science;
- Office of the Chief Scientist;
- Australian Institute of Marine Science;
- Geoscience Australia;
- Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO);
- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO);
- IP Australia;
- National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator;
- Office of Northern Australia and Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF); and
- National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority.

The committee released the Office of Innovation and Science Australia without questions.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- particulars of the ACCC's inquiry into pricing transparency for home loans;
- field trial of new census forms by the Australian Bureau of Statistics;
- expected trajectory of Australia's space industry by 2030;
- impact of average staffing level caps on the CSIRO;
- establishment and administration of the First Home Loan Deposit Scheme;
- climate change and coral bleaching;
- mechanical failure at ANSTO; and
- timeliness of investment decisions made by NAIF.

The committee concluded its examination of the Treasury Portfolio and the Industry, Innovation and Science Portfolio.