



Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26
Tuesday, 2 December 2025
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.00am until 9.58pm.

The committee called the of the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio and the Department of Finance portfolio, discussing the following topics:

Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations and Office of Township Leasing

- Discussion of failure to lodge reports by funded corporations; and
- Participation and input into Review of the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*.

Aboriginal Investment NT and Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC)

- Status of ILSC's incorporation of environmental protection and cultural components into new projects;
- Divestment of properties divested that are currently being held by ILSC including Ayers Rock Resort in Yulara;
- Investment in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land and Sea Future Fund by Aboriginal Investment NT;
- Integrity processes including governance training for Aboriginal Investment NT staff and refinement of confirmation of Aboriginality systems and processes to align with best practice.

Aboriginal Hostels Limited and Outback Stores Pty Ltd

- Update on emergency accommodation delivered by Aboriginal Hostels Limited in the Northern Territory;
- Aboriginal Hostels Limited's census results, census action plan, and progress on improving workplace conditions and training;
- Efficiency dividends and possible impact on staffing levels;
- Outback Stores Pty Ltd funding and milestones required by National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) to be reached for further funding to be unlocked; and
- Government's commitment to build a remote nutrition workforce.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet – Office for Women

- Government's response to eSafety Commissioner's advisory regarding technology's increasing role in coercive control and family and domestic violence;
- Government review in relation to the weaponisation of government systems to perpetrate domestic and family violence and audit of Commonwealth systems;
- Tracking of Government's election commitments including Building Australia's Future: Labor's Commitment to Women; and

- Status update on Rapid review of prevention approaches (November 2025) especially regarding alcohol and gambling reforms.

Workplace Gender Equality Agency (WGEA)

- Reporting processes by WGEA including timing and presentation of data;
- Status of women report card and tracking of data from year to year; and
- Gender equality target requirements for large employers.

Australian Public Service Commission (APSC)

- Timing of the release and contents of the *Review of Public Sector Board Appointments Processes* (Briggs Report), Government's view of recommendations arising from the Review;
- APS growth, recruitment and whether certain advertised positions reflect efficient uses of taxpayer money;
- Unauthorised payments of \$2.3 billion by Treasury and code of conduct investigations with the APSC; and
- the impact of Freedom of Information requests on the behaviour of public servants.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet – Australian Government Consulting (AGC)

- Update on AGC operations, including staffing arrangements, revenue generated and work on the consultancy playbook.

Department of Finance

- Timeline of when the Department of Finance become aware of the unlawful payments by Treasury and standard procedure for disclosing breaches in financial statements;
- Size of public service and government portfolios being asked to identify lowest priority 5% spending projects;
- Procurement including: consulting contracts, Commonwealth Procurement Rules and Suppliers Portal, Indigenous Procurement Policy, and cost of Senior Counsel;
- Corporate Travel Management (CTM) and disclosure statements in media reporting and establishment of an independent audit;
- Decision of the Supreme Court of Western Australia in *Reynolds v Higgins*;
- Government response to the use of undisclosed AI in government-contracted work;
- Progress on the release of the government report on the audit of employment;
- The Bureau of Meteorology's contract with Accenture; and
- Modern slavery risks in Commonwealth cleaning contracts.

Services Australia

- Services Australia's provider portal for the new Support at Home Program and timeliness of payments;
- Status of ongoing payments for individuals transitioning from the retiring Home Care Package Program to the new Support at Home Program; and
- Reform to Centrepay arrangements and exclusions of certain goods or services.

Future Fund Management Agency

- Allowances for recreational travel as part of official travel arrangements.

Digital Transformation Agency (DTA)

- Processes for ensuring the integrity and security of the contractors in the DTA hardware market panel and marketplace.

ASC Pty Ltd

- Notification of the creation of the new Defence Delivery Agency.

Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd

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CEA Technologies Pty Limited

- Reasoning for the Commonwealth acquisition of CEA Technologies; and
- Notification of the creation of the new Defence Delivery Agency.

Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation

- Processes for risk assessment of the composition of the superannuation fund especially investment in Reliance Industries Limited; and
- Modelling on proposed taxation on superannuation.

This hearing concludes the committee's examination of the 2025-26 Supplementary Budget Estimates.

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