



Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26
Friday, 31 October 2025
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.00am until 11.11am.

The committee called the Department of the Senate, Parliamentary Budget Office, the Department of Parliamentary Services and the Parliamentary Service Commissioner, discussing the following topics:

Department of the Senate

- President of the Senate's attendance at Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conference;
- Parliamentary privilege—protection of confidentiality of Senators' information; and
- Memoranda of Understanding with the Australian Federal Police and National Anti-Corruption Commission.

Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO)

- Costings of public service staffing levels; and
- Benchmarking the PBO against international equivalent organisations.

Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS)

- Investigation into Incentive to Retire payment to former DPS Secretary;
- Access to parliamentary emails by a law firm, and external IT contractor;
- Disability Access Review Tracker;
- Introduction of a wheelchair-accessible shuttle service between public transport stops at Parliament House;
- Wheelchair accessibility of staff entrances;
- Sponsored passes giving access to Parliament House;
- Parliamentary Sports Club access to parliamentary precinct sporting facilities;
- Parliamentary security staff rosters and staffing levels; and
- Installation of height-adjustable desks and braille indicators in meeting rooms

The committee did not ask any questions of the Parliamentary Service Commissioner.

The committee agreed to hold an additional hearing and will resume its examination of Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26 at 5:00pm on 4 November 2025.

Please contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 5780 or fpa.sen@aph.gov.au if you have any questions.