



Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26  
Tuesday, 7 October 2025  
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.01am until 11.00pm.

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

National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA)

- Remote Stores Code of Practice and Low-cost Essential Subsidy Scheme;
- Decision of the Senate to not hold a standalone Cross-portfolio Indigenous Matters estimates day;
- Government response to recommendations of Juukan Gorge report, and concerns regarding the impact of Woodside Energy North West Shelf project extension on Murujuga rock art;
- Central Australia Plan funding and project completion;
- NIAA grants and Indigenous corporations' integrity, issues, and funding allocations;
- NIAA vetting for office holders, especially regarding domestic and family violence; and
- Northern Territory Remote Housing program.

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

- Repatriation status and assistance offered by government to women and children related to Islamic State members;
- Progress on First Nations' Economic Partnership, Clean Energy Strategy, and Mobile TAFE;
- Gambling regulation including Government response to Senate Order for the Production of Documents No. 9 – Online Gambling, ABC Four Corners reporting, and the Prime Minister's Presidency of Australian Parliament Sports Club;
- Behavioural Economics Team of the Australian Government's role and work;
- Office of Impact Analysis' role in relation to regulatory burden;
- Prime Minister's official travel to US, UK, UAE, and visit to UK Labour party national conference;
- Australia's bid to host the COP31 climate change summit;
- The appointment of Mike Kaiser as Secretary of the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW);
- Journalists from Pacific nations prevented from attending the Prime Minister's press conference in Honiara; and
- Expulsion of the Iranian ambassador.

Office of National Intelligence (ONI)

- Monitoring of foreign donations to parliamentarians; and
- ONI's briefings to the Prime Minister.

#### Australian National Audit Office

- Related-party disclosures in the Central Land Council's financial statements.

#### Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General (OOSGG)

- Australian Honours and Awards processes; and
- Implementation of recommendations from Independent Review of the OOSGG, culture, employment conditions, and reporting processes.

#### Department of Finance

- Members of Parliament staffing allocations and membership of the Staffing Committee;
- Members of Parliament Staff payslip management, hiring and leave conditions; and
- Electorate office leasing arrangements.

#### Australian Electoral Commission

- Compliance in the 2025 federal election and number of breaches;
- Engagement with First Nations voters, especially regarding the seat of Lingiari; and
- Registration of significant third parties and associated entities.

#### Parliamentary Workplace Support Service

- Levels of staffing allocations for Members of Parliament.

The committee agreed to release the Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority.

The committee will resume its examination of Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26 with the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio at 9:00am on Wednesday, 8 October 2025 with the Land Councils.

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