

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2012-13

**Monday, 21 May to Thursday, 24 May 2012 and if required
Friday, 25 May 2012**

**Committee Room 2S1
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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AGENDA

MONDAY, 21 MAY 2012

Senator the Hon John
Hogg, President of
the Senate

Parliamentary Departments

9.00am

Department of the Senate

Outcome 1: Advisory and administrative support services to enable the Senate and Senators to fulfil their representative and legislative duties.

Program—Department of the Senate

- Clerk's Office
- Table Office
- Procedure Office
- Committee Office
- Black Rod's Office

10.30am (guide only)

Parliamentary Budget Office

Department of Parliamentary Services

Outcome: Occupants of Parliament House are supported by integrated services and facilities, Parliament functions effectively and its work and buildings are accessible to the public.

Program 1—Parliamentary Services

- Subprogram 1.1—Library Services
- Subprogram 1.2—Building and Occupant Services
- Subprogram 1.3—Infrastructure Services
- Subprogram 1.4—Parliamentary Records Services

Program 2—Parliament House Works Program

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

1.30pm (guide only)

Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system.

Program 1.1—Support for the Governor-General and Official Functions

- Support for the Governor-General
- Administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system

Senator the Hon
Chris Evans

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

2.30pm (guide only)

Outcome 1: Coordination of government activities; policy development; advice and program delivery to support and inform the Prime Minister, Cabinet and Cabinet Secretary.

Program 1.1—Prime Minister & Cabinet

1.1.1—Domestic Policy

- Domestic Policy Group
- COAG Reform Council (secretariat)
- Office for the Not-for-Profit Sector

TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2012

Senator the Hon
Chris Evans

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio *continued*

9.00am

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet *continued*

1.1.2—National Security and International Policy

- National Security and International Policy Group
- Whole-of-government cyber policy
- National Counter-Terrorism Committee secretariat

1.1.3—Support Services for Government Operations

- Cabinet support
- Support for ministerial offices
- Delivering Community Cabinet program
- Parliament House Briefing Room
- National Australia Day Council
- Compensation and legal

1.1.4—Group of 20 Meeting 2014

- G20 Taskforce

Program 1.2—Official and Ceremonial Support

- Prime Minister's official residences
- Support to former Governors-General
- Support for Official Establishments Trust
- State occasions and official visits

11.00am

Australian National Audit Office

Outcome 1: To provide assurance on the fair presentation of financial statements of Australian Government entities by providing independent audit opinions and related reports for the information of Parliament and the Executive.

Program 1.1—Assurance Audit Services

Outcome 2: To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the administration of Australian Government programs and entities by undertaking a program of independent performance audits and assurance reviews for the information of Parliament and the Executive.

Program 2.1—Performance Audit Services

1.30pm (guide only)

Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome 1: Increased awareness and adoption of best practice public administration by the public service through leadership, promotion, advice and professional development, drawing on research and evaluation.

Program 1.1—Australian Public Service Commission

1.1.1—APS People and Organisational Performance

1.1.2—Investing in APS Development and Capability

1.1.3—Australian Government Employment Workplace Relations

Program 1.2—Parliamentarians' and Judicial Office Holders Remuneration and Entitlements

2.30pm (guide only) National Mental Health Commission

Outcome 1: Provide expert advice to the Australian Government and cross-sectoral leadership on the policy, programs, services and systems that support mental health in Australia, including through administering the annual National Report Card on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, undertaking performance monitoring and reporting, and engaging consumers and carers.

Program 1.1—National Mental Health Commission

4.00pm (guide only) Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome 1: Fair and accountable administration by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies.

Program 1—Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

5.00pm (guide only) Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

Outcome 1: Independent assurance for the Prime Minister, senior ministers and Parliament as to whether Australia's intelligence and security agencies act legally and with propriety by inspecting, inquiring into and reporting on their activities.

Program 1.1—Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

7.45pm (guide only) Office of National Assessments

Outcome 1: Advancement of Australia's national interests through increased government awareness of international developments affecting Australia.

Program 1.1—Assessments and Reports

Program 1.2—Coordination and Evaluation

WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 2012

Senators the Hon
Penny Wong and the
Hon Chris Evans

Finance and Deregulation portfolio

9.00am

Department of Finance and Deregulation

Outcome 1: Informed decisions on Government finances and regulatory practices through: policy advice; implementing framework; and providing financial advice, guidance and assurance.

Program 1.1—Budget, Financial Management Better Regulation and Procurement Framework

- Budget advice
- Deregulation
- Financial management
- Assurance

- International Governance and Cooperation
- Procurement Framework

1.30pm (guide only) **The Future Fund Management Agency**

Outcome 1: Make provision for the Commonwealth's unfunded superannuation liabilities and payments for the creation and development of infrastructure, by managing the operational activities of the Future Fund and Nation Building Funds, in line with the Government's investment mandates.

Program 1.1—Management of the investment of the Future Fund

Program 1.2—Management of the investment of the Building Australia Fund, Education Investment Fund and Health and Hospitals Fund

3.00pm (guide only) **Department of Finance and Deregulation *continued***

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Senator the Hon
Chris Evans
7.45pm

Australian Electoral Commission

Outcome 1: Maintain an impartial and independent electoral system for eligible voters through active electoral roll management, efficient delivery of polling services and targeted education and public awareness programs.

Program 1.1—Electoral Roll Management

- Electoral roll management
- Support services for electoral redistributions

Program 1.2—Election Management and Support Services

- Federal elections, by-elections and referendums
- Party registrations
- Funding and disclosure services
- Fee-for-service
- Industrial elections and protected action ballots
- Torres Strait Regional Authority elections
- Advice and assistance in overseas elections

Program 1.3—Education and Communication

- Electoral education
- Communication strategies and services
- Community strategies

THURSDAY, 24 MAY 2012

Senator the Hon
Chris Evans

Finance and Deregulation portfolio *continued*

9.00am

Outcome 3: Support for Parliamentarians, others with entitlements and organisations as approved by Government through the delivery of entitlements and targeted assistance.

Senator the Hon
Penny Wong
**11.15am (guide
only)**

Medibank Private

12.00pm

Department of Finance and Deregulation *continued*

Outcome 1: Informed decisions on Government finances and regulatory practices through: policy advice; implementing framework; and providing financial advice, guidance and assurance.

Program 1.2—Public Sector Superannuation

2.30pm (guide only)

ComSuper¹

Outcome 1: Provide access to Australian Government superannuation benefits and information, through developing members' understanding of the schemes, processing contributions, supporting investment processes, paying benefits and managing member details, for current and former Australian Public Servants and members of the Australian Defence Force, on behalf of the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation .

Program 1.1—Superannuation Administration Services

3.00pm (guide only)

Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation²

Outcome 1: Retirement benefits for past, present and future Australian Government employees and members of the Australian Defence Force through investment and administration of their superannuation funds and schemes.

Program 1.1—Superannuation Scheme Governance

3.30pm (guide only)

Department of Finance and Deregulation *continued*

Program 1.3—National Building Funds

- Building Australia Fund
- Education Investment Fund
- Health and Hospitals Fund

¹ May be taken concurrently with DFD Program 1.2 Public sector superannuation advice

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Outcome 2: Effective Government policy advice, administration and operations through: oversight of Government Business Enterprises; Commonwealth property management and construction; risk management; and providing ICT services.

Program 2.1—Australian Government Business and ICT

- Government business oversight
- Special claims and land policy

Program 2.2—Property and Construction

Program 2.3—Insurance and Risk Management

6.00pm (guide only) ASC Pty Ltd

Proposed breaks	Morning tea	10.30am	10.45am
	Lunch	12.30pm	1.30pm
	Afternoon tea	3.45pm	4.00pm
	Dinner Monday	6.00pm	7.15pm
	Dinner Tue - Thu	6.30pm	7.45pm
	Tea Break	9.15pm	9.30pm

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