

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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*It should be noted that times allocated for the consideration of outcomes, items and agencies within portfolios are indicative only.*

*Senators, staff and departments should liaise with secretariats on the progress of portfolios during the estimates process.*

### SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**Public Hearings: Additional Estimates 2007–08**

**Monday, 18, Tuesday, 19 and Friday, 22 February 2008**

**Monday and Tuesday:**

Committee Room 2S1

**Friday:**

Committee Room 2R1

**Parliament House**

**Canberra ACT**

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## FINAL AGENDA

### MONDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2008

9.00am

#### **Parliamentary departments**

##### **Department of the Senate**

General questions

##### **Outcome: Effective provision of services to support the functioning of the Senate as a House of the Commonwealth Parliament**

Output Group 1—Clerk's Office

Output Group 2—Table Office

Output Group 3—Procedure Office

Output Group 4—Committee Office

Output Group 5—Black Rod's Office

##### **Department of Parliamentary Services**

General questions

**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**

Output Group 1—Library services

- Output 1.1—Research services
- Output 1.2—Information access services

Output Group 2—Building and occupant services

- Output 2.1—Security services
- Output 2.2—Facilities services

Output Group 3—Infrastructure services

- Output 3.1—Building infrastructure services
- Output 3.2—IT infrastructure services

Output Group 4—Parliamentary records services

- Output 4.1—Broadcasting services
- Output 4.2—Hansard services

Administered Item—Works programs

- Building
- Furniture
- Artworks
- Gardens and landscapes

## **Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio**

### **Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General**

**Outcome 1: The Governor-General is enabled to perform the constitutional, statutory, ceremonial and public duties associated with the appointment**

Output Group 1.1—Support of the Governor-General

Output Group 1.2—Administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system

### **Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

General questions

**Outcome: Sound and well coordinated government policies, programs and decision making processes**

Output Group 1—Economic and Industry Policy

- Output 1.1—Economic and Industry Policy

Output Group 2—Social Policy

- Output 2.1—Social Policy
- Output 2.2—Office of Work and Family

Output Group 3—International and National Security Policy

- Output 3.1—International Policy
- Output 3.2—National Security Policy
- Output 3.3—APEC Taskforce

Output Group 4—Support Services for Government Operations

- Output 4.1—Cabinet Support
- Output 4.2—Machinery of Government

- Output 4.3—See <sup>1</sup>
- Output 4.4—Support to Official Establishments
- Output 4.5—Support for Ministerial Offices
- Output 4.6—Ceremonial and Hospitality

### **Office of National Assessments**

**Outcome 1: Enhanced government awareness of international political and leadership developments, international strategic developments, including military capabilities, and international economic developments**

Output Group 1.1—Product

Output Group 1.2—Briefing

Output Group 1.3—Coordination

**Outcome 2: Enhanced intelligence support for Defence planning and deployments, in peacetime and conflict, to maximize prospects for military success and to minimize loss of Australian lives**

Output Group 2.1—Product

Output Group 2.2—Briefing

Output Group 2.3—Coordination

### **Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman**

**Outcome: Administrative action by Australian government agencies is fair and accountable**

Output 1—Review of administrative action

Output 2—Review of statutory compliance in specified areas

### **The Australian Institute of Family Studies**

**Outcome 1: Inform government, policy makers and other stakeholders on factors affecting how families function**

Output Group 1.1—Information and advice on factors affecting how families function

### **Department of Climate Change**

**Outcome 1: The environment, especially those aspects that are matters of national environmental significance, is protected and conserved**

Output Group 1.1—Response to climate change

- Output 1.1.1—International engagement
- Output 1.1.2—Emissions management
- Output 1.1.3—Understanding of climate change

### **Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator**

Outcome 1: Increased Renewable Electricity Generation

- Output 1.1—Renewable Energy Certificate Management
- Output 1.2—Managing Compliance with Legislation

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<sup>1</sup> With the abolition of the Government Communications Unit and transfer of AUSPIC to the Department of Finance and Deregulation, the remaining functions of this output have been transferred to Output 4.5.

**TUESDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2008**

## **Prime Minister and Cabinet (continued)**

### **Australian Public Service Commission**

#### **Outcome: A confident, high quality, values-based and sustainable Australian Public Service**

Output Group 1—APS policy and employment services

- Output 1.1—Advice and support to Minister, Executive and Agency Heads
- Output 1.2—Employment services
- Output 1.3—International assistance and **organisations**
- Output 1.4—Merit protection and other services

Output Group 2—Development programmes

- Output 2.1—Leadership services
- Output 2.2—Programme delivery
- Output 2.3—National / international programmes

Output Group 3—Better practice and evaluation

- Output 3.1—Indigenous employment
- Output 3.2—Promote better practice
- Output 3.3—Statistical / information services
- Output 3.4—Research and evaluation

### **Australian National Audit Office**

#### **Outcome 1: Improvement in public administration – independent assessment of the performance of selected Commonwealth public sector activities, including the scope for improving efficiency and administrative effectiveness**

Output Group 1—Performance audit services

- Output 1.1—Performance audit reports
- Output Group 1.2—Other audit and related products

Output Group 2—Information support services

- Output 2.1—Assistance to parliament
- Output 2.2—National and international representation
- Output 2.3—Client seminars
- Output 2.4—Better practice guides

#### **Outcome 2: Assurance – independent assurance of Commonwealth public sector financial reporting, administration, control and accountability**

Output Group 2—Information support services

- Output 2.1—Assistance to parliament
- Output 2.2—National and international representation
- Output 2.3—Client seminars
- Output 2.4—Better practice guides

Output Group 3—Assurance audit services

- Output 3.1—Financial statement audit reports
  - Output 3.2—Business support process audit reports
  - Output 3.3—Protective security audit reports
- Output 3.4—Other assurance reports

### **The Australian Institute of Family Studies**

**Outcome 1: Inform government, policy makers and other stakeholders on factors affecting how families function**  
**Output Group 1.1—Information and advice on factors affecting how families function**

9.45am (approx.)

## **Finance and Deregulation**

### **Department of Finance and Deregulation**

#### **General questions**

#### **Outcome 1: Sustainable government finances**

Output Group 1.1—Budget

Output Group 1.2—Financial Management

- Output 1.2.1—Financial Framework
- Output 1.2.2—Financial Reporting
- Output 1.2.3—Public Sector Superannuation Advice
- Output 1.2.4—Office Evaluation and Audit (Indigenous Programs)
- Output 1.2.5—Deregulation and Regulatory Reform

### **ComSuper†**

**Outcome 1: Superannuation administration services that meet the expectations of government, scheme trustees, employers, members and beneficiaries**

Output Group 1.1—Superannuation administration services

### **Australian Reward Investment Alliance†**

**Outcome 1: Effective and efficient administration of Australian Government superannuation schemes**

Output Group 1.1—Superannuation scheme governance

## **Department of Finance and Deregulation (Continued)**

**Outcome 2: Improved and more efficient government operations**

Output Group 2.1—Government Businesses

- Output 2.1.1—Government Business Enterprises Ownership and Divestment
- Output 2.1.2—Insurance and Risk Management
- Output 2.1.3—Special Claims and Land Policy

Output Group 2.2—Property and Construction

- Output 2.2.1—Property Management

- Output 2.2.2—Major Projects
- Output Group 2.3—Procurement Management
- Output 2.3.1—Procurement Framework
  - Output 2.3.2—Centralised Contracting

**Outcome 3: An efficiently functioning parliament**

Output Group 3.1—Ministerial and Parliamentary Services

- Output 3.1.1—Services to Senators, Members and their Staff
- Output 3.1.2—VIP Hire Car Services

**Outcome 4: Effective and efficient use of information and communication technologies by the Australian Government**

Output Group 4.1—Australian Government Information Management Office

- Output 4.1.1—Productive Use of Information and Communication Technologies

**Australian Electoral Commission**

**Outcome 1: Australians have an electoral roll which ensures their voter entitlement and provides the basis for the planning of electoral events and electoral redistributions**

**Output Group 1.1—Electoral roll management**

- Output 1.1.1—Electoral roll
- Output 1.1.2—Electoral roll updates
- Output 1.1.3—Roll products and services
- Output 1.1.4—Support services for electoral redistributions

**Outcome 2: Stakeholders and customers have access to and advice on impartial and independent electoral services and participate in electoral events**

Output Group 2.1—Elections, ballots and referendums

- Output 2.1.1—Federal elections, by-elections and referendums
- Output 2.1.2—Party registrations
- Output 2.1.3—Funding and disclosure services
- Output 2.1.4—Public awareness campaigns, media releases
- Output 2.1.5—Information services
- Output 2.1.6—Industrial elections, and ballots for organisations
- Output 2.1.7—Torres Strait Regional Authority elections
- Output 2.1.8—State and local government elections
- Output 2.1.9—Advice and assistance in overseas elections

**Outcome 3: An Australian community which is well**

## **informed about electoral matters**

### Output Group 3.1—Electoral education

- Output 3.1.1—Electoral education centres
- Output 3.1.2—School and community programmes

## **National Archives of Australia**

### **Outcome 1: Commonwealth institutions have access to recordkeeping products and services that enable them to account for their actions and decisions through full, authentic and reliable records**

#### Output 1.1—Recordkeeping products and services

### **Outcome 2: Australians have access to a national archival collection that assists them to understand their heritage and democracy**

#### **Output 2.1—A preserved, and developing, national archival collection**

#### **Output 2.2—An accessible, and interpreted, national archival collection**

## **Human Services portfolio**

### **Department of Human Services**

#### **General questions**

### **Outcome 1: Effective and efficient delivery of social and health related services, including financial assistance to the Australian community**

#### Output 1—Core Department

Facilitation and promotion of effective and efficient delivery of social and health related services

#### Output 2—Child Support Agency

Delivery of child support assessment, registration, collection and disbursement services

#### Output 3—CRS Australia

Delivery of vocational rehabilitation services to eligible people who have an injury, disability or health condition

#### **Centrelink**

### **Outcome 1: Access to Government services that effectively support: self sufficiency through participation in employment, education, training and the community; families and people in need; and the integrity of Government outlays in these areas**

#### Output Group 1.1—Effective and Efficient delivery of Government services

## **Medicare Australia**

### **Outcome: Improving Australia's health through payments and information**

Output—Delivery of Australian Government payments and information services

## **Health Services Australia**

### **Australian Hearing**

## **FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2008**

In Committee Room 2R1

**9.00am**

## **Finance and Deregulation portfolio** (Continued)

### **The Future Fund Management Agency**

**Outcome: Enhanced capacity for the Australian Government to offset unfunded superannuation liabilities**

## **Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio**

(Continued)

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**Adjournment  
 3.30pm**

<b>PROPOSED BREAKS</b>	Morning Tea	10.45 to 11.00	Morning tea and lunch breaks for Friday and other days
	Lunch	12.30 to 13.30	
	Afternoon Tea	15:45 to 16:00	
	Dinner	18:30 to 19:30	
	Tea	21:15 to 21:30	

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† may be taken concurrently with DFD Output 1.2.3 Public sector superannuation advice