

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Public Hearings: **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 2008-09**

**Monday, 23 and Tuesday, 24 February 2009
and, if required, Friday 27 February**

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

To be televised on Channel 12, Radio 90.3

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AGENDA

MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2009

9.00am
(until 12.30pm approx)

President Hogg

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

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

12:30pm-1:30pm

Minister Faulkner
(1.30pm to 6.30pm approx.)

Lunch Break

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—Work and Family
- Output 2.3—Social Inclusion

Output Group 3—International and National Security Policy

- Output 3.1—International Policy
- Output 3.2—National Security Policy

Administered Item—National Counter-Terrorism Committee

- Output 3.3—APEC Taskforce¹

Output Group 4—Strategic Policy

- Output 4.1—Strategic Policy

Output Group 5—Support Services for Government Operations

- Output 5.1—Cabinet Support
- Output 5.2—Machinery of Government

¹ Activity is reported against Output 3.3: APEC Taskforce 2007–08 only reflecting the lapsing nature of these activities.

Administered Item—National Australia Day Council

- Output 5.3—Support to Official Establishments

Administered Item—Prime Minister's official residences

- Output 5.4—Support for Ministerial Offices

Administered Item—Allowance and support to former Governors-General

- Output 5.5—Ceremonial and Hospitality

Administered Item—State Occasions and Official Visits

- Output 5.6—Freedom of Information and Privacy Policy

- Output 5.7—2020 Summit²

- Output 5.8—Government Communications³

- Output 5.9—Pacific Island Forum

Australian National Audit Office

Outcome 1: Improvement in public administration – independent assessment of the performance of selected Australian Government 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 1.2—Other Audit and Related Services

Outcome 2: Assurance – independent assurance of Australian Government 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—Other Assurance Reports

Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

Outcome 1: Assurance that Australia's intelligence agencies act legally, ethically and with propriety

Output Group 1.1—Inspect, inquire into, and report on, the activities of the intelligence and security agencies

4pm

Office of National Assessments

Outcome 1: Enhanced government awareness of international

² Activity is reported against Output 5.7: 2020 Summit for 2007–08 only reflecting the lapsing nature of these activities.

³ The PM&C PBS p. 21 states: 'With the abolition of the Government Communications Unit (GCU) and transfer of AUSPIC to the Department of Finance and Deregulation, the outputs have been renumbered with GCU and AUSPIC being reported against Output 5.8 Government Communications in 2007–08, for the period that these functions were part of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet'.

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 in 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 Privacy Commissioner

Outcome 1: An Australian culture in which privacy is respected, promoted and protected

Output Group 1.1—Complaint handling, compliance and monitoring and education and promotion

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

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Minister Wong
(7.30pm approx.)

Dinner Break

Department of Climate Change

Outcome 1: The well being of present and future generations of Australians is improved by contributing to effective national and global responses to climate change through policy advice, negotiations, and program delivery

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

TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2009

9.00am

Minister Sherry
(9:00am to 3:00pm approx.)

Finance and Deregulation portfolio

Department of Finance and Deregulation

General questions

Outcome 1: Sustainable government finances

Output Group 1.1—Budget

Output 1.1.1—Budget Advice

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 of Evaluation and Audit
- Output 1.2.5—Deregulation and Regulatory Reform

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—Coordinated Procurement Contracting

12:30pm-1:30pm

Lunch Break

Medibank Private Ltd

Department of Finance and Deregulation – *Continued*

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

Department of Finance and Deregulation – *Continued*

Outcome 3: 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

Minister Faulkner
(3:00pm to 6:30pm approx.)

Australian Electoral Commission

Outcome 1: An Effective Electoral Roll—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 management
- Output 1.1.2—Support services for electoral redistributions

Outcome 2: An Impartial and Independent Electoral System—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—Fee-for-service elections
- Output 2.1.5—Industrial and Torres Strait Regional Authority elections

Output 2.1.6—Advice and assistance in overseas elections

Outcome 3: An Informed Community—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
- Output 3.1.3—Communication strategies and services

6:30 to 7:30

Dinner Break

Minister Sherry
(7:30pm to 8:30pm)

The Future Fund Management Agency

Outcome: Managing and growing publicly funded investments to meet future financial needs and contribute to the prosperity of future generations of Australians

Output 1.1—Management of the Future Fund

Output 1.2—Management of the Higher Education Endowment Fund

Human Services portfolio

Minister Ludwig
(8.30pm to 11.00pm approx.)

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
Output 2—Child Support Agency
Output 3—CRS Australia

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 Group 1.1—Delivery of Australian Government payments and information services

Proposed breaks	Morning Tea	10.45 to 11.00
	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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