

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: Budget Estimates for 2005-06

**Monday, 23 to Thursday, 26 May, and, if required,
Friday, 27 May 2005**

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

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AGENDA

MONDAY, 23 MAY 2005

9.00am Parliamentary departments

Department of the Senate

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

Output Group 1—Clerks 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

**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—Information and Research Services

- Output 1.1—Information, analysis and advice services to meet clients' needs
 - Output 1.2—Access to collection sources for the use of Parliament
- Output Group 2—Client and Technical services
- Output 2.1—Client support, broadcasting and Hansard services
 - Output 2.2—Information and communication technology and broadcasting support
- Output Group 3—Building and Occupant Services
- Output 3.1—Occupant services
 - Output 3.2—Visitor services
 - Output 3.3—Asset management 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

Outcome: Sound and well coordinated government policies, programmes and decision making processes
General questions

TUESDAY, 24 MAY 2005

9.00am

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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

Output Group 1—Economic policy

- Output 1.1—Economic and Industry Policy

Output Group 2—Social policy advice

- Output 2.1—Social Policy

Output Group 3—International policy advice

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

Output Group 4—Support services for government operations

- Output 4.1—Cabinet Secretariat

- Output 4.2—Cabinet Implementation
- Output 4.3—Machinery of Government
- Output 4.4—Government Communications
- Output 4.5—Support to Official Establishments
- Output 4.6—Support for Ministerial Offices
- Output 4.7—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 1.1—Product

Output 2.2—Briefing

Output 3.3—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 1.1—Product

Output 2.2—Briefing

Output 3.3—Coordination

Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

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

Output 1 – Inspect, inquire into, and report on, the activities of the intelligence and security agencies

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 1.1

- Performance audit reports

Output Group 1.2

- Other audit and related products

Output Group 2.1

- Assistance to the Parliament

Output Group 2.2

- National and international representation

Output Group 2.3

- Client Seminars

Output Group 2.4

- Benchmarking services

Output Group 2.5

- Better Practice Guides

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

Output Group 2.1

- Assistance to the Parliament
- Output Group 2.2
- National and international representation
- Output Group 2.3
- Client seminars
- Output Group 2.4
- Benchmarking services
- Output Group 2.5
- Better Practice Guides
- Output Group 3.1
- Financial statement audit reports
- Output Group 3.2
- Business support process
- Output Group 3.3
- Protective security audit
- Output Group 3.4
- Other assurance reports

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

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

National Water Commission

Outcome 1: Sustainable management and use of Australia's water resources

Output 1 – Policy advice

Output 2 – Programme management

WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY 2005

9.00am

Finance and Administration portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

Outcome 1: Sustainable government finances

Output Group 1.1—Budget

- Output 1.1—Budget advice

Output Group 1.2—Financial management

- Output 1.2.1—Budgetary and 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)

Future Fund Management Agency*

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

Output groups to be advised

Comsuper†

Outcome 1: Public sector superannuation services, which meet the expectations of Government, trustees, employers, members and beneficiaries

Output 1.1—Superannuation administration

CSS Board†

Outcome 1: Commonwealth Superannuation Scheme services that meet the expectations of government, employers, members and beneficiaries

Output 1.1—Superannuation scheme governance

PSS Board†

Outcome 1: Public Sector Superannuation Scheme services that meet the expectations of government, employers, members and beneficiaries

Output 1.1—Superannuation scheme governance

Commonwealth Grants Commission

Outcome 1: Fiscal equalization between the states, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, is achieved through the distribution, by government, of GST revenue and health care grants

Output Group 1.1—Report on state sharing relatives

Department of Finance and Administration (in continuation)

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

THURSDAY, 26 MAY 2005

9.00am

Finance and Administration portfolio

Department of Human Services

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: Effective delivery of Australian Government services to eligible customers

Output Group 1.1—Effective delivery of Australian Government services to eligible customers

Health Insurance Commission

Outcome 1: Improving Australia's health through payments and information

Output 1—Delivery of Australian government health payments and information

AUSTRALIAN HEARING

3.00pm

Department of Finance and Administration (in continuation)

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

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 (RMANS)
- Output 1.1.2—Electoral roll updates (ERR/CRU)
- 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 organizations
- Output 2.1.7—ATSIC 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

FRIDAY, 27 MAY 2005 (if required)

TBA

Proposed breaks	Lunch	12:30 to 13:30
	Afternoon tea	TBA
	Dinner	18:00 to 19:30
	Tea Break	TBA

* to be taken concurrently with DoFA Outcome 1— Sustainable government finances

† to be taken concurrently with DoFA Output 1.2.3 Public sector superannuation advice.

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