

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: Budget Estimates for 2006-07

Monday, 22 May to Thursday, 25 May 2006

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

*To be televised on Channel 9 radio 90.3
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AGENDA

MONDAY, 22 MAY 2006

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

12.00 noon (approx)

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

TUESDAY, 23 MAY 2006

9.00am

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

(in continuation)

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
- 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— Government Communications
 - 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 1.1—Product
- Output 1.2—Briefing
- Output 1.3—Coordination

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

- Output 2.1—Product
- Output 2.2—Briefing
- Output 2.3—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
 - 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
 - Better practice guides
- Output Group 3.1
 - Financial statement audit reports
- Output Group 3.2
 - Business support process audit reports
- Output Group 3.3
 - Protective security audit reports
- 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

WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY 2006

9.00 am

Finance and Administration portfolio

Department of Finance and Administration

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 and budgetary 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)

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

Future Fund Management Agency

Outcome 1: Enhanced capacity for the Australian Government to offset unfunded superannuation liabilities

Output groups to be advised

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

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 relativities

Australian Electoral Commission (Scheduled after dinner)

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—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

THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2006

9.00am

Finance and Administration portfolio

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

1.30 pm (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**

- 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 and efficient delivery of Government services

Medicare Australia

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

Output 1.1—Delivery of Australian government health payments and information

Proposed breaks	Morning tea	10:45 to 11:00
	Lunch	12:30 to 13:30
	Afternoon tea	15:45 to 16:00
	Dinner	18:00 to 19:30
	Tea Break	TBA

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

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