

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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### SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

**Public Hearings: Budget Estimates for 2007–08**

**Monday, 21 to Thursday, 24 May**

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

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#### AGENDA

**MONDAY, 21 MAY 2007**

**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

1.30pm

## **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

Output Group 1—Economic policy

- Output 1.1—Economic and industry policy

**TUESDAY, 22 MAY 2007**

9.00am

## **Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio**

(in continuation)

**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

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

(in continuation)

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

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

Output Group 1—Economic policy

- Output 1.1—Economic and industry policy

Output Group 2—Social policy advice

Output 2.1—Social policy

### **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

### **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

**WEDNESDAY, 23 MAY 2007**

9.00am

**Finance and Administration portfolio**

**Department of Finance and Administration**

**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

1.30pm

**Future Fund Management Agency**

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

3.30pm

**Department of Finance and Administration**

(in continuation)

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—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)

8.30pm

**Comsuper†**

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

Output Group 1.1—Superannuation administration services

**Australian Reward Investment Alliance (ARIA)†**

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

Output Group 1.1—Superannuation scheme governance

9.00pm

**Commonwealth Grants Commission**

**Outcome 1: Fiscal equalisation 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

9.30pm

**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, 24 MAY 2007**

9.00am

**Finance and Administration portfolio**

(in continuation)

**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 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

1.30pm

## **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 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 health payments and information

### **Health Services Australia**

**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 Break	21:15 to 21:30

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

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