

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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### SENATE ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Public Hearings: BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2009–10**

**Monday 1 June to Thursday 4 June 2009; and  
Monday 22 June 2009 for ACCC hearing**

**Committee Room 2R1  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT**

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### AGENDA

#### MONDAY, 1 JUNE 2009

**9.00am Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio**

**9.00am–10.00am Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)**

Outcome 1: Improved knowledge, innovative capacity and healthcare through nuclear-based facilities, research, training, products, services and advice to Government, industry, the education sector and the Australian population

**10.00am–10.15am Morning tea**

**10.15am–11.45am Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)**

Outcome 1: Innovative scientific and technology solutions to national challenges and opportunities to benefit industry, the environment and the community, through scientific research and capability development, services and advice

<b>11.45am–12.30pm</b>	<b>Australian Research Council (ARC)</b> Outcome 1: Growth of knowledge and innovation through managing research funding schemes, measuring research excellence and providing advice
<b>12.30pm–1.00pm</b>	<b>IP Australia</b> Outcome 1: Increased innovation, investment and trade in Australia, and by Australians overseas, through the administration of the registrable intellectual property rights system, promoting public awareness and industry engagement, and advising government
<b>1.00pm–2.00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>2.00pm–7.00pm</b>  <i>(afternoon tea 4.00pm–4.15pm)</i>	<b>Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research [Innovation and Industry]</b> Outcome 1: Enhanced opportunities for business innovation and growth through national leadership in converting knowledge and ideas into new processes, services, products and marketable devices; fostering business cooperation; delivering advice; assistance; and business, measurement and online services [including AusIndustry]
<b>7.00pm–8.00pm</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
<b>8.00pm–8.30pm</b>	<b>Office of the Chief Scientist</b>
<b>8.30pm–11.00pm</b>  <i>(tea break 9.15pm–9.30pm)</i>	<b>Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research [Science and Research]</b> Outcome 2: The generation, utilisation and awareness of science and research knowledge through investment in research, research training and infrastructure, science communication, skill development and collaboration with industry, universities and research institutes domestically and internationally
<b>11.00pm (approx)</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>

**PROPOSED BREAKS FOR MONDAY:**

Morning tea	10.00am–10.15am
Lunch	1.00pm–2.00pm
Afternoon tea	4.00pm–4.15pm
Dinner	7.00pm–8.00pm
Tea Break	9.15pm–9.30pm

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**TUESDAY, 2 JUNE 2009**

## 9.00am Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio

**9.00am–12.00pm      Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism  
[Resources and Energy]**

*(morning tea  
10.30am–10.45am)*      Outcome 1: The improved strength, competitiveness and sustainability of the Resources, Energy and Tourism industries to enhance Australia's prosperity through implementation of government policy and programs

**12.00pm–12.30pm** **Geoscience Australia**

Outcome 1: Informed government, industry and community decisions on the economic, social and environmental management of the nation's natural resources through enabling access to geoscientific and spatial information

*12.30pm-1.30pm      Lunch*

**1.30pm–3.00pm      Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism  
[Tourism]\***

Outcome 1: The improved strength, competitiveness and sustainability of the Resources, Energy and Tourism industries to enhance Australia's prosperity through implementation of government policy and programs

**Tourism Australia\***

Outcome 1: Increase demand for Australia as a destination, strengthen the travel distribution system, and contribute to the development of a sustainable tourism industry through consumer marketing, trade development and research activities

\* The Tourism Division and Tourism Australia will be heard together

**3.00pm–3.15pm** *Afternoon tea*

3.15pm Treasury Portfolio

**3.15pm–4.45pm**

## The Treasury

## **[Revenue Group]\*\* - retirement income/superannuation issues**

Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations

## **Australian Taxation Office (ATO)\*\* - retirement income/superannuation issues**

Outcome 1: Confidence in the administration of aspects of Australia's taxation and superannuation systems through helping people understand their rights and obligations, improving ease of compliance and access to benefits, and managing non-compliance with the law

\*\* Treasury [Revenue Group] and ATO will be heard together

**4.45pm–9.15pm**

*(dinner  
6.30pm–7.30pm)*

**The Treasury**

**[Revenue Group]\*\* - other issues**

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**9.15pm–9.30pm**

**Tea break**

**9.30pm–10.00pm**

**Australian Office of Financial Management (AOFM)**

Outcome 1: To enhance the Commonwealth's capacity to manage its net debt portfolio, offering the prospect of savings in debt servicing costs and an improvement in the net worth of the Commonwealth over time

**10.00pm–11.00pm**

**Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)**

Outcome 1: Informed decisions, research and discussion within governments and the community by leading the collection, analysis and provision of high quality, objective and relevant statistical information

**11.00pm (approx)**

**Adjournment**

**PROPOSED BREAKS FOR TUESDAY:**

Morning tea	10.30am–10.45am
Lunch	12.30pm–1.30pm
Afternoon tea	3.00pm–3.15pm
Dinner	6.30pm–7.30pm
Tea Break	9.15pm–9.30pm

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**WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2009**

**9.00am                    Treasury Portfolio (continued)**

<b>9.00am–5.00pm</b> <i>(morning tea 10.30am–10.45am; lunch 12.30pm–1.30pm; afternoon tea 3.30pm–3.45pm)</i>	<b>The Treasury</b> <b>[Macroeconomic Group]</b> Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations
<b>5.00pm–11.00pm</b> <i>(dinner 6.30pm–7.30pm; tea break 9.15pm–9.30pm)</i>	<b>The Treasury</b> <b>[Fiscal Group]</b> Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations
<b>11.00pm (approx)</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>

<b>PROPOSED BREAKS FOR WEDNESDAY:</b>	Morning tea                    10.30am–10.45am
	Lunch                            12.30pm–1.30pm
	Afternoon tea                    3.30pm–3.45pm
	Dinner                            6.30pm–7.30pm
	Tea Break                            9.15pm–9.30pm

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**THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2009**

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Treasury Portfolio (continued)</b>
<b>9.00am–3.00pm</b> <i>(morning tea 10.30am–10.45am; lunch 12.30pm–1.30pm)</i>	<b>The Treasury [Markets Group]</b> Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations
<b>3.00pm–3.15pm</b>	<b><i>Afternoon tea</i></b>
<b>3.15pm–5.15pm</b>	<b>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)</b> Outcome 1: Enhanced public confidence in Australia's financial institutions through a framework of prudential regulation which balances financial safety and efficiency, competition, contestability and competitive neutrality
<b>5.15pm–7.00pm</b>	<b>Productivity Commission</b> Outcome 1: Well-informed policy decision-making and public understanding on matters relating to Australia's productivity and living standards, based on independent and transparent analysis from a community-wide perspective
<b>7.00pm–8.00pm</b>	<b><i>Dinner</i></b>
<b>8.00pm–11.00pm</b> <i>(tea break 9.30pm–9.45pm)</i>	<b>Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)</b> Outcome 1: Improved confidence in financial market integrity and protection of investors and consumers through research, policy, education, compliance and deterrence that mitigates emerging risks Outcome 2: Streamlined and cost-effective interaction and access to information for business and the public, through registry, licensing and business facilitation services
<b>11.00pm (approx)</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>

**PROPOSED BREAKS FOR THURSDAY:**

Morning tea	10.30am–10.45am
Lunch	12.30pm–1.30pm
Afternoon tea	3.00pm–3.15pm
Dinner	7.00pm–8.00pm
Tea Break	9.30pm–9.45pm

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**MONDAY, 22 JUNE 2009 – COMMITTEE ROOM 2S3**

**9.00am                   Treasury Portfolio (continued)**

**9.00am–12.00pm           Australian Competition and Consumer Commission**

*(morning tea  
10.30am–10.45am)*  
Outcome 1: Lawful competition, consumer protection, and regulated national infrastructure markets and services through regulation, including enforcement, education, price monitoring and determining the terms of access to infrastructure services

**12.00pm                   Adjournment**

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