

The Senate BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

This document is issued as a guide to Senators
Business listed is subject to change

It should be noted that times allocated for the consideration of outcomes, items and agencies within portfolios are indicative only.

Senators, staff and departments should liaise with secretariats on the progress of portfolios during the estimates process.

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**

*To be televised on Channel 9 / radio 98.3
<http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>*

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 |

- 11.45am–12.30pm** **Australian Research Council (ARC)**
Outcome 1: Growth of knowledge and innovation through managing research funding schemes, measuring research excellence and providing advice
- 12.30pm–1.00pm** **IP Australia**
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
- 1.00pm–2.00pm** **Lunch**
- 2.00pm–7.00pm** **Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research [Innovation and Industry]**
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]
- (afternoon tea
4.00pm–4.15pm)*
- 7.00pm–8.00pm** **Dinner**
- 8.00pm–8.30pm** **Office of the Chief Scientist**
- 8.30pm–11.00pm** **Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research [Science and Research]**
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
- (tea break
9.15pm–9.30pm)*
- 11.00pm (approx)** **Adjournment**

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

Committee Chair: Senator Annette Hurley
Contact: Glenn Ryall (02) 6277 3532
Committee Room 2R1 (02) 6277 2272

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 **The Treasury**
[Revenue Group] - other 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

(dinner
6.30pm–7.30pm)

Australian Taxation Office (ATO) - other 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

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

Committee Chair: Senator Annette Hurley
Contact: Glenn Ryall (02) 6277 3532
Committee Room 2R1 (02) 6277 2272

WEDNESDAY, 3 JUNE 2009

9.00am Treasury Portfolio (continued)

**9.00am–5.00pm The Treasury
[Macroeconomic Group]**

*(morning tea
10.30am–10.45am;
lunch 12.30pm–1.30pm;
afternoon tea
3.30pm–3.45pm)*

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

**5.00pm–11.00pm The Treasury
[Fiscal Group]**

*(dinner
6.30pm–7.30pm;
tea break
9.15pm–9.30pm)*

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

11.00pm (approx) Adjournment

PROPOSED BREAKS FOR WEDNESDAY:	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

Committee Chair: Senator Annette Hurley
Contact: Glenn Ryall (02) 6277 3532
Committee Room 2R1 (02) 6277 2272

THURSDAY, 4 JUNE 2009

9.00am Treasury Portfolio (continued)

**9.00am–3.00pm The Treasury
[Markets Group]**

*(morning tea
10.30am–10.45am;
lunch 12.30pm–1.30pm)*

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

3.00pm–3.15pm Afternoon tea

3.15pm–5.15pm Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)

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

5.15pm–7.00pm Productivity Commission

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

7.00pm–8.00pm Dinner

8.00pm–11.00pm Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)

*(tea break
9.30pm–9.45pm)*

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

11.00pm (approx) Adjournment

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

Committee Chair: Senator Annette Hurley
Contact: Glenn Ryall (02) 6277 3532
Committee Room 2R1 (02) 6277 2272

UPDATED: 22 MAY 2009

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

Committee Chair: Senator Annette Hurley
Contact: Glenn Ryall (02) 6277 3532
Committee Room 2S3 (02) 6277 5853