

## The Senate BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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### SENATE ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Public Hearings: BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2010–11**

**Thursday 27 May 2010 and  
Monday 31 May to Thursday 3 June 2010**

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

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## AGENDA

### THURSDAY, 27 MAY 2010

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2S1**

**7.50am Treasury Portfolio**

**7.50am–9.50am The Treasury – Secretary/Macroeconomic Group**  
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

**9.50am Adjournment**

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**MONDAY, 31 MAY 2010**

**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 providing policy advice, measuring research excellence and managing research funding schemes

**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]**

*(afternoon tea  
4.00pm–4.15pm)*

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]

**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]**

*(tea break  
9.15pm–9.30pm)*

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

**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

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**TUESDAY, 1 JUNE 2010**

- 9.00am** **Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio**
- 9.00am–11.30am** **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
- 11.30am–11.50am** **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
- 11.50am–12.10pm** **National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority (NOPSA)**  
Outcome 1: An Australian oil and gas industry that properly controls the health and safety risks to the workforce at its offshore petroleum operations
- 12.10pm–12.30pm** **Australian Solar Institute**  
Outcome 1: Encourage innovation and cost effective developments in solar energy technologies to accelerate commercial deployment through knowledge building and collaborative research, development and support for Australian industries and research institutions
- 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 (continued)**

**3.15pm–8.30pm The Treasury - Revenue Group\*\*  
[commencing with Superannuation questions]**

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)\*\*  
[commencing with Superannuation questions]**

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

**8.30pm–11.00pm Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)**

*(tea break  
9.15pm–9.30pm)*

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 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, 2 JUNE 2010**

**9.00am Treasury Portfolio (continued)**

**9.00am–11.30am The Treasury - Macroeconomic Group (continued)**

*(morning tea  
10.15am–10.30am)*

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

**11.30am–12.30pm Lunch**

**12.30pm–5.30pm The Treasury - Fiscal Group  
[commencing with Population questions]**

*(afternoon tea  
3.00pm–3.15pm)*

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

**5.30pm–6.30pm Dinner**

**6.30pm–9.00pm Australian Competition and Consumer Commission**

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

**9.00pm (approx) Adjournment**

<b>PROPOSED BREAKS FOR WEDNESDAY:</b>	Morning tea	10.15am–10.30am
	Lunch	11.30am–12.30pm
	Afternoon tea	3.00pm–3.15pm
	Dinner	5.30pm–6.30pm

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**THURSDAY, 3 JUNE 2010**

**9.00am Treasury Portfolio (continued)**

**9.00am–11.00am 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

**11.00am–11.15am Morning tea**

**11.15am–5.00pm The Treasury - Markets Group**

*(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–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–9.15pm Australian Office of Financial Management (AOFM)**

Outcome 1: The advancement of macroeconomic growth and stability, and the effective operation of financial markets, through issuing debt, investing in financial assets and managing debt, investments and cash for the Australian Government

**9.15pm–9.30pm Tea break**

**9.30pm–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**

<b>PROPOSED BREAKS FOR THURSDAY:</b>	Morning tea	11.00am–11.15am
	Lunch	12.30pm–1.30pm
	Afternoon tea	3.30pm–3.45pm
	Dinner	7.00pm–8.00pm
	Tea break	9.15pm–9.30pm

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