

## **The Senate BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES**

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### **SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMICS**

**Public Hearings: Budget Estimates for 2008–09 (Supplementary Hearings)**

**Wednesday 22 October and Thursday 23 October 2008**

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

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### **AGENDA**

#### **WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2008**

- 9.00am Treasury Portfolio**
- The Treasury**
- 9.00am–11.30am Outcome 1: Sound macroeconomic environment**  
*(inc. morning tea)*  
Output Group 1.1 – Macroeconomic Group  
Output 1.1.1: Domestic economic policy advice and forecasting  
Output 1.1.2: International economic policy advice and assessment
- 11.30am–12.00pm 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**  
Output 1.1.1: Debt management
- 12.00pm–12.30pm Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)**  
**Outcome 1: Informed decision making, research and discussion within governments and the community based on the provision of a high quality, objective and responsive national statistical service**  
Output 1.1.1: Economic statistics  
Output 1.1.2: Population and social statistics

12.30pm–1.30pm

*Lunch*

1.30pm–3.00pm

**The Treasury**

**Outcome 3: Effective taxation and retirement income arrangements  
(excluding retirement income/ superannuation issues)**

Output Group 3.1: Revenue Group\*

Output 3.1.1: Taxation policy and legislation advice

**Australian Taxation Office (ATO)\***

**[including Australian Valuation Office (AVO)]**

**Outcome 1: Effectively managed and shaped systems that support  
and fund services for Australians and give effect to social and  
economic policy through the tax, superannuation, excise and other  
related systems**

**(excluding retirement income/superannuation issues)**

Output 1.1.1: Shape, design and build administrative systems

Output 1.1.2: Management of revenue collection and transfers

Output 1.1.3: Compliance assurance and support – revenue collection

Output 1.1.5: Services to governments and agencies

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

3.00pm–3.45pm

**The Treasury**

**Outcome 3: Effective taxation and retirement income arrangements  
(retirement income/superannuation issues only)**

Output Group 3.1: Revenue Group\*

Output 3.1.2: Retirement income and saving policy and legislation  
advice

**Australian Taxation Office (ATO)\***

**Outcome 1: Effectively managed and shaped systems that support  
and fund services for Australians and give effect to social and  
economic policy through the tax, superannuation, excise and other  
related systems**

**(retirement income/ superannuation issues only)**

Output 1.1.4: Compliance assurance and support for transfers and  
regulation of superannuation funds

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

3.45pm–4.00pm

*Afternoon tea*

4.00pm–5.15pm

**Outcome 2: Effective government spending arrangements (and  
general/corporate matters)**

Output Group 2.1 – Fiscal Group

Output 2.1.1: Budget policy advice and coordination

Output 2.1.2: Commonwealth-State financial policy advice

Output 2.1.3: Industry, environment and defence policy advice

Output 2.1.4: Social and income support policy advice

5.15pm–6.30pm

**Outcome 4: Well functioning markets**

**[including Australian Government Actuary]**

Output Group 4.1: Markets Group  
Output 4.1.1: Foreign investment and trade policy advice and administration  
Output 4.1.2: Financial system and corporate governance policy advice  
Output 4.1.3: Competition and consumer policy advice  
Output 4.1.4: Actuarial services

**6.30pm–7.30pm**

***Dinner***

**7.30pm–9.15pm**

**Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)  
[including Australian Energy Regulator]**

**Outcome 1: To enhance the social and economic welfare of the Australian community by fostering competitive, efficient, fair and informed Australian markets**

Output 1.1.1: Compliance with competition, fair trading and consumer protection laws and appropriate remedies when the law is not followed

Output 1.1.2: Competitive market structures and informed behaviour

**9.15pm–9.30pm**

***Tea break***

**9.30pm–11.00pm**

**Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)**

**Outcome 1: A fair and efficient market characterised by integrity and transparency and supporting confident and informed participation of investors and consumers**

Output 1.1.1: Policy and guidance about the laws administered by ASIC

Output 1.1.2: Comprehensive and accurate information on companies and corporate activity

Output 1.1.3: Compliance, monitoring and licensing of participants in the financial system to protect consumer interests and ensure market integrity

Output 1.1.4: Enforcement activity to give effect to the laws administered by ASIC

**11.00pm (approx)**

**Adjournment**

**THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2008**

**9.00am**

**Treasury Portfolio (continued)**

**9.00am–10.00am**

**Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)**

**Outcome 1: To enhance public confidence in Australia's financial institutions through a framework of prudential regulation which balances financial safety and efficiency, competition, contestability and competitive neutrality**

Output 1.1.1: Policy development

Output 1.1.2: Surveillance programs

Output 1.1.3: Prudential advice

- 10.00am–10.45am**      **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**  
Output 1.1.1: Government commissioned projects  
Output 1.1.2: Performance reporting and other services to government bodies  
Output 1.1.3: Competitive neutrality complaints activities  
Output 1.1.4: Supporting research and activities and statutory annual reporting
- 10.45am–11.00am*      *Morning tea*
- 11.00am–11.30am**      **Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee (CAMAC)**  
**Outcome 1: A fair and efficient market characterised by integrity and transparency and supporting confident and informed participation of investors and consumers**  
Output 1.1.1: Annual reports and discussion papers  
Output 1.1.2: Recommendation and reports
- 11.30am**      **Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio**
- 11.30am–12.00pm**      **Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)**  
**Outcome 1: Nuclear-based infrastructure**  
Output Group 1.1: Commissioning of the OPAL reactor  
**Outcome 2: Disposition of spent fuel**  
Output Group 2.1: Shipment program  
**Outcome 3: Science and technology solutions**  
Output Group 3.1: Management of core nuclear facilities  
Output Group 3.2: Scientific and technical services for Government  
Output Group 3.3: Knowledge acquisition and utilisation  
Output Group 3.4: Provision of education and training  
Output Group 3.5: Radiopharmaceutical sales  
Output Group 3.6: Exploitation of assets
- 12.00pm–1.00pm**      **Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)**  
**Outcome 1: Australia has a strong capability in scientific research and development that delivers ongoing economic, social and environmental benefits and provides science and technology solutions relevant to current and emerging national challenges and opportunities**  
Output Group 1.1: National research flagships  
Output Group 1.2: Core research  
Output Group 1.3: Science outreach: education and scientific publishing

Output Group 1.4: National research infrastructure: national facilities and collections

*1.00pm–2.00pm*

*Lunch*

**2.00pm–2.30pm**

**Australian Research Council (ARC)**

**Outcome 1: Australian research that advances the global knowledge and skills base leading to economic, social, cultural and environmental benefits for the Australian community**

Output Group 1.1: Competitive research schemes

**2.30pm–3.15pm**

**Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research**

**General/Corporate**

**(including questions relating to the Office of the Chief Scientist)**

**3.15pm–5.00pm**  
*(inc. afternoon tea)*

**Outcome 1 (Industry)\*\*: Improve the economic viability and competitive advantage of Australian industry, including the manufacturing and services sectors, through the delivery of initiatives to address impediments to market development and encourage the take up of innovation within those sectors [including AusIndustry]**

**Outcome 2 (Innovation)\*\*: A streamlined national innovation system to facilitate innovation uptake by Australian industry and drive improved social and economic benefits for the Australian community**

*\*\* DIISR Outcome 1 (Industry) and Outcome 2 (Innovation) will be heard together*

**5.00pm–5.45pm**

**Outcome 3 (Science and Research): Maintain a strong science and research capacity required to generate and utilise knowledge within the science and research, higher education and industry sectors through investment in research infrastructure, skill development and promoting collaboration both within Australia and internationally**

**5.45pm**

**Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio**

**Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism**

**5.45pm–6.15pm**

**General/Corporate**

*6.15pm–7.15pm*

*Dinner*

**7.15pm–7.45pm**

**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**

Output Group 1.3: Tourism

**7.45pm–8.15pm**

**Tourism Australia**

**Outcome 1: Increased economic benefits to Australia from tourism underpinned by a sustainable tourism industry**

Output Group 1.1: Industry and market development through strategic insights

Output Group 1.2: Increased distribution of Australian tourism product and facilitation of niche, events and regional tourism growth

Output Group 1.3: Consumer travel demand stimulation

**8.15pm–9.30pm**

**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**

Output Group 1.1: Resources

Output Group 1.2: Energy

**9.30pm–9.45pm**

*Tea break*

**9.45pm–10.30pm**

**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 and its offshore petroleum operations**

Output Group 1: Regulatory oversight of Operators' Safety Cases, safety management systems and operation practices coupled with effective monitoring, investigation and enforcement

**10.30pm–11.00pm**

**Geoscience Australia**

**Outcome 1: Enhanced potential for the Australian community to obtain economic, social and environmental benefits through the application of first class geoscientific research and information**

Output Group 1.1: Geoscientific information and knowledge

**11.00pm (approx)**

**Adjournment**

PROPOSED BREAKS:

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12.30pm–1.30pm

Lunch

3.45pm–4.00pm

Afternoon tea

6.30pm–7.30pm

Dinner

9.15pm–9.30pm

Tea break

**THURSDAY**

10.45am – 11.00am

Morning tea

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Lunch

3.45pm – 4.00pm

Afternoon tea

6.15pm – 7.15pm

Dinner

9.30pm – 9.45pm

Tea break

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