

The Senate BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: Budget Estimates for 2009-10 (supplementary hearings)

**Wednesday, 21 October and Thursday, 22 October 2009
and if required Friday, 23 October 2009**

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

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2009

9.00am–9.30am 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

9.30am–10.30am 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

<i>10.30am–10.45am</i>	<i>Morning tea</i>
10.45am–11.15am	Australian Research Council (ARC) Outcome 1: Growth of knowledge and innovation through managing research funding schemes, measuring research excellence and providing advice
11.15am–11.30am	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
11.30am–11.45am	Office of the Chief Scientist
11.45am–12.30pm	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
12.30pm–1.30pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1.30pm–3.30pm	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
3.30pm–3.45pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
3.45pm	Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio
3.45pm–5.15pm	Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism [Resources and Energy] 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
5.15pm–5.30pm	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

5.30pm–6.30pm

**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 of the Department and Tourism Australia will be heard together**

6.30pm–7.30pm

Dinner

7.30pm

Treasury Portfolio

7.30pm–9.45pm

**The Treasury
[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

9.45pm–10.00pm

Tea break

10.00pm–11.00pm

Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)

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	Morning tea	10.30am	10.45am
	Lunch	12.30pm	1.30pm
	Afternoon tea	3.30pm	3.45pm
	Dinner	6.30pm	7.30pm
	Tea Break	9.45pm	10.00pm

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2009

9.00am

Treasury Portfolio (continued)

9.00am–11.00am

The Treasury [Fiscal 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

11.00am–11.15am

Morning tea

11.15am–1.30pm

The Treasury [Revenue 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

Australian Taxation Office (ATO)*

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

1.30pm–2.30pm

Lunch

2.30pm–3.45pm

The Treasury [Markets 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

3.45pm–4.00pm

Afternoon tea

4.00pm–5.00pm	The Treasury [Markets Group] (continued)															
5.00pm–6.00pm	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															
6.00pm–7.00pm	<i>Dinner</i>															
7.00pm–8.30pm	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) 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															
8.30pm–9.15pm	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															
9.15pm–9.30pm	<i>Tea break</i>															
9.30pm–10.15pm	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															
10.15pm–11.00pm	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															
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