

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Public Hearings: Supplementary Budget Estimates for 2009–10

Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 October 2009

**Committee Room 2S1
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

To be televised on Channel 12, Radio 90.3
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AGENDA

MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2009

9.00am

Senator Hogg
(9.00am - 12.30pm
approx.)

Parliamentary departments

Department of the Senate

General questions

Outcome: Advisory and administrative support services to enable the Senate and Senators to fulfil their representative and legislative duties.

Program 1—Other Departmental

- Output Group 1—Clerk's Office
- Output Group 2—Table Office
- Output Group 3—Procedure Office
- Output Group 4—Committee Office
- Output Group 5—Black Rod's Office

Program 2—Parliamentarians Remuneration and Entitlements (administered)

Department of Parliamentary Services

General questions

Outcome: Occupants of Parliament House are supported by integrated services and facilities, Parliament functions effectively and its work and buildings are accessible to the public

Program 1—Library Services

- Program 1.1—Research services
- Program 1.2—Information Access Services

Program 2—Building and Occupant Services

- Program 2.1—Security Services
- Program 2.2—Facilities Services

Program 3—Infrastructure Services

- Program 3.1—Building Infrastructure Services
- Program 3.2—IT Infrastructure Services

Program 4—Parliamentary Records Services

- Program 4.1—Broadcasting Services
- Program 4.2—Hansard Services

Program 5—Parliament House Works Programs

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

Outcome 1: The performance of the Governor-General's role is facilitated through the organisation and management of official duties, management and maintenance of the official household and property and administration of the Australian Honours and Awards system

Program 1: Support for the Governor-General and Official Activities

Senator Ludwig
(1.30pm – 6.30pm
approx.)

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

General questions

Outcome 1: Coordination of government activities; policy development; advice and program delivery to support and inform the Prime Minister, Cabinet and Cabinet Secretary

Program 1: Prime Minister & Cabinet

1.1 Domestic policy

- Economic and industry policy
- Social policy
- Work and family
- Social inclusion
- COAG Reform Council
- Office of the Commonwealth Coordinator-General

1.2 National security and international policy

- National counter-terrorism committee
- International policy
- Homeland and border security
- Defence, intelligence and research coordination
- International strategy

1.3 Strategic policy and implementation

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1.4 Support services for government operations

- National Australia Day Council
- Compensation and legal
- Cabinet support
- Support for ministerial offices
- Freedom of information and privacy policy
- Pacific Islands Forum

Program 2: Official and Ceremonial Support

2.1 Official and ceremonial support

- Prime Minister's official residences
- Support to designated & former Governors-General
- State occasions and official visits
- Support to official establishments
- Ceremonial and hospitality

Australian Public Service Commission

Outcome 1: Increased awareness and adoption of best practice public administration by the public service through leadership, promotion, advice and professional development, drawing on research and evaluation

Program 1—Australian Public Service Commission

Program 1.1: APS Policy, review and evaluation

- Advice and support to Minister, Executive and Agency heads
- Merit protection and other services
- Statistical/information services
- Research and evaluation

Program 1.2: Development programs and employment services

- Employment services
- International assistance and organisations
- Leadership services
- Program delivery
- National/international programs
- Indigenous employment
- Promote better practice

Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security

Outcome 1: Independent assurance for the Prime Minister, senior ministers and Parliament as to whether Australia's intelligence and security agencies act legally and with propriety by inspecting, inquiring into and reporting on their activities

Program 1—Other departmental—OIGIS

Office of National Assessments

Outcome 1: Advanced of Australia's national interests through increased government awareness of international developments affecting Australia

Program 1—Office of National Assessments

Program 1.1—Assessments and reports

- Program management
- Program 1.2—Coordination and evaluation
- Program management

Australian National Audit Office

Outcome 1: Assurance Audit Services: To provide assurance on the fair presentation of financial statements of Australian Government entities by providing independent audit opinions and related reports for the information of Parliament and the Executive

Program 1.1—Assurance Audit Services

- Financial statement audit reports
- Assistance to Parliament
- Other assurance reports
- National and international representation
- Special appropriations

Outcome 2: Improvement in Public Administration: To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the administration of Australian Government programs and entities by undertaking a program of independent performance audits and assurance reviews for the information of Parliament and the Executive

Program 2.1—Performance Audit Services

- Performance audit services
- Better Practice Guides
- Other audit and related services
- Assistance to Parliament
- National and international representation
- Special appropriations

Office of the Privacy Commissioner

Outcome 1: The protection of individuals' personal information through investigating complaints and inquiring into potential privacy interference, advice to Government, audits of personal information handling practices, community education and research

Program 1.1—Complaint handling, compliance and monitoring and education and promotion.

Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

Outcome 1: Fair and accountable administrative action by Australian Government agencies by investigating complaints, reviewing administrative action and inspecting statutory compliance by law enforcement agencies

Program 1—Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman

- Revenue from other sources (s. 31)

Old Parliament House

Outcome 1: An enhanced appreciation and understanding of the

political and social heritage of Australia for members of the public, through activities including the conservation and upkeep of, and the provision of access to, Old Parliament House and the development of its collection, exhibitions and educational programs

Program 1.1—Conserve and manage OPH as a site of national heritage significance

- Administered heritage and cultural assets and the Old Parliament House Building
- Managing conservation and heritage values and the building

Program 1.2—Develop and present OPH as a major museum of political, parliamentary and social history

- Program development and presentation of museum content to a broader visitor group.

Senator Wong
(7.45pm - 11.00pm
approx.)

Department of Climate Change

Outcome 1: Reduction of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions, adaptation to the impacts of climate change, and negotiation of an effective global solution, through the development and implementation of a national response to climate change; and bilateral, regional and multilateral engagement internationally

Program 1.1—Reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions

- Reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions
- Australian Carbon Trust
- Climate Change Action Fund

Program 1.2—Adapting to Climate Change

- Adapting to Climate Change
- Climate Change science program
- Australian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation

Program 1.3—Helping to shape a global climate change solution

- Helping to shape a global climate change solution
- Influencing international climate change.

TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2009

9.00am

Finance and Deregulation portfolio

Senator Sherry
(9.00am – 10.00am
approx.)

Medibank Private Ltd

(10.00am – 3.00pm
approx.)

Department of Finance and Deregulation

General questions

Outcome 1: Informed decisions on Government finances and continuous improvement in regulation making through: budgetary management and advice; transparent financial reporting; a robust financial framework; and best practice regulatory processes

Program 1.1—Budget, financial management and deregulation

- Budget advice
- Financial framework
- Financial reporting
- Office of Evaluation and Audit
- Deregulation and regulatory reform

Program 1.2—Public sector superannuation

- Public sector superannuation

ComSuper¹

Outcome 1: Access to Australian Government superannuation benefits and information, through developing members' understanding of the schemes, processing contributions, supporting investment processes, paying benefits and managing member details, for Australian Public Servants and Defence Force members, on behalf of Trustee Boards

Program 1.1—Superannuation administration services.

Department of Finance and Deregulation

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Program 1.3—Nation building funds

- Building Australia Fund
- Education Investment Fund
- Health and Hospitals Fund

¹ May be taken concurrently with DFD Program 1.2—Public sector superannuation

Outcome 2: Improved Government administration and operations through systems, policy and advice on: procurement; Commonwealth property management and construction; government enterprises; risk management; and application of information and communications technology

Program 2.1—Government Businesses and ICT

- Government business
- Enterprises ownership and divestment
- Special claims and land policy
- Procurement framework
- Australian Government Information Management Office

Program 2.2—Property and Construction

Program 2.3—Insurance and risk management

(3.00pm – 4.00pm
approx.)

The Future Fund Management Agency

Outcome: Managing and growing publicly funded investments to meet future financial needs and contribute to the prosperity of future generations of Australians

Program 1.1—Management of the investment of the Future Fund

Program 1.2—Management of the Building Australia Fund, Education Investment Fund and Health and Hospitals Fund

Senator Ludwig
(4.00pm – 5.30pm
approx.)

Department of Finance and Deregulation

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Outcome 3: Support for Parliamentarians, others with entitlements and organisations as approved by Government through the delivery of entitlements and targeted assistance

Program 3.1—Ministerial and Parliamentary Services

(5.30pm – 6.30pm
approx.)

Australian Electoral Commission

Outcome 1: Voter entitlement for Australians and support for electoral events and redistributions through maintaining an accurate and up-to-date electoral roll

Program 1.1—Electoral roll management

Program 1.2—Support services for electoral redistributions

Outcome 2: Access to an impartial and independent electoral system for Australians through the provision of election services

Program 2.1—Federal elections, by-elections and referendums

Program 2.2—Party registrations

Program 2.3—Funding and disclosure services

Program 2.4—Fee-for-service elections

Program 2.5—Industrial and Torres Strait Regional Authority elections

Program 2.6—Advice and assistance in overseas elections

Outcome 3: Informed Australians through the provision of information services on electoral matters

Output Group 3.1—Electoral education

Program 3.1—Electoral education centres

Program 3.2—School and community programmes

Program 3.3—Communication strategies and services

Senator Ludwig
(7.45pm – 11.00pm
approx.)

Human Services portfolio

Department of Human Services

General questions

Outcome 1: Informed government decisions on, and access to, social, health and child support services for Australians through policy development and advice, and the coordination and delivery of services

Program 1.1—Human Services

- Central Department
- Child Support Agency
- CRS Australia
- Other administered

Program 1.2—Child Support

- *Child Support (registration and Collection) Act 1988*
- Special appropriation – *Child support s77* – unremitted deductions
- Special appropriation – *Child support s78* – unexplained remittance
- Special Account – Child Support Trust

Centrelink

Outcome 1: Self sufficiency for individuals and families through access to personalised assistance and co-ordinated delivery of payments and services on behalf of government

Program 1.1—Effective and Efficient delivery of Government services

- Effective and efficient delivery of Government services
- Commonwealth social services special account

Medicare Australia

Outcome: Access to Government health and other payment and information services to the Australian public and providers through convenient and efficient service delivery

Program 1.1—Delivery of medical benefits and services

Program 1.2—Delivery of pharmaceutical benefits and services

Program 1.3—Delivery of other benefits and services

Program 1.4—Medicare rebates – electronic claiming

Proposed breaks	Morning Tea	10.30 to 10:45
	Lunch	12.30 to 13.30
	Afternoon Tea	15:45 to 16:00
	Dinner	18:30 to 19:45
	Tea	21:15 to 21:30

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