

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: Budget Estimates for 2010-11 (supplementary hearings)

Wednesday, 20 October and Thursday, 21 October 2010

**Main Committee Room
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2010

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| 9.00am | Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Portfolio |
| 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–9.45am | Office of the Chief Scientist |
| 9.45am–10.45am | 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 |

- 10.45am–11.00am* *Morning tea*
- 11.00am–11.30am** **Australian Research Council (ARC)**
Outcome 1: Growth of knowledge and innovation through providing policy advice, measuring research excellence and managing research funding schemes
- 11.30am–11.45am** **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
- 11.45am–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* *Lunch*
- 1.30pm–3.15pm** **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
Questions relating to small business will be confined to approximately the last half hour of this session
- 3.15pm–3.30pm* *Afternoon tea*
- 3.30pm** **Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio**
- 3.30pm–5.00pm** **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

5.00pm–5.15pm	<p>Geoscience Australia</p> <p>Outcome 1: Informed government, industry and community decision on the economic, social and environmental management of the nation's natural resources through enabling access to geoscientific and spatial information</p>
5.15pm–6.15pm	<p>Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism [Tourism]*</p> <p>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</p> <p>Tourism Australia*</p> <p>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</p> <p>* The Tourism Division of the Department and Tourism Australia will be heard together</p>
<i>6.15pm–7.15pm</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
7.15pm	Treasury Portfolio
7.15pm-8.15pm	<p>Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)</p> <p>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</p>
8.15pm-10.30pm	<p>The Treasury</p> <p>[Markets Group]</p> <p>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</p>
<i>(tea break 9.15pm-9.30pm)</i>	
10.30pm-11.00pm	<p>Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)</p> <p>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</p>
<i>11.00pm (approx)</i>	<i>Adjournment</i>

THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2010

- 9.00am Treasury Portfolio (continued)**
- 9.00am–10.30am 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
- 10.30am-10.45am Morning tea*
- 10.45am-12.30pm 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
- 12.30pm-1.30pm Lunch*
- 1.30pm-2.15pm 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
- 2.15pm-2.45pm Inspector-General of Taxation**
Outcome 1: Improved tax administration through community consultation, review, and independent advice to Government
- 2.45pm–5.00pm The Treasury [Revenue Group]***
(afternoon tea 4.15pm-4.30pm)
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
- 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**

- 5.00pm–7.00pm** **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
- 7.00pm–8.00pm* *Dinner*
- 8.00pm-10.00pm** **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
- 10.00pm-10.15pm* *Tea Break*
- 10.15pm-10.30pm** **Commonwealth Grants Commission**
Outcome 1: Informed Government decisions on fiscal equalisation between the States and Territories through advice and recommendations on the distribution of GST revenue and health care grants
- 10.30pm–11.00pm** **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
- 11.00pm (approx)* *Adjournment*

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