Senate Daily Summary

2003-04 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS

Thursday 29 May 2003

Related links
For general information about the consideration of the 2003-04 Budget estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference, hearing schedules etc)

Portfolio budget statements and related documents can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 62773010) and on the Internet at www.budget.gov.au

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee

Portfolios allocated: Communications, Information Technology and the Arts; Environment and Heritage

For current information about the committee’s hearings

The committee met from 9.05am until 10.57pm.

The committee:
- completed the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Portfolio (National Office for the Information Economy, and outputs 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 of the department)
- will continue the Environment and Heritage Portfolio when it meets on Friday 30 May 2003 in Senate Committee Room 2S3

Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Portfolios allocated: Finance and Administration; Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet

For current information about the committee’s hearings

The committee met from 9.02am until 7.36pm.

The committee completed:
- the Finance and Administration Portfolio (general questions, outcomes 1 to 3 of the department)
- budget estimates consideration
Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee

Portfolios allocated: Attorney-General; Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs

For current information about the committee’s hearings

The committee met from 9.03am until 6.22pm.

The committee completed:
- the Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio (outcomes 1 to 3 of the department, portfolio agencies, Refugee Review Tribunal, Migration Review Tribunal, Migration Agents Registration Authority)
- budget estimates consideration

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Portfolios allocated: Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Transport and Regional Services

For current information about the committee’s hearings

The committee met from 9.05am until 11.00pm.

The committee:
- continued the Transport and Regional Services Portfolio (completed the Transport Group)
- will continue the Transport and Regional Services Portfolio (Regional Development Group) when it meets on Friday 30 May 2003 in House of Representatives Committee Room 2R1

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Further information

Committee Hansards can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 62773010) and on the Internet (when available)

Committee proceedings can be viewed on the Internet

Senate Briefs, prepared by the Senate Procedure Office, provide general information about the estimates process:
No. 4: Senate Committees
No. 5: Consideration of Estimates by the Senate’s Legislation Committees
No. 13: Rights and Responsibilities of Witnesses before Senate Committees

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