Related links
Portfolio budget statements and related papers can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 6277 3010) and on the Internet.
General information about the consideration of the 2006-07 Budget estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference etc.) is available on the Senate web page.
An agenda for each of the legislation committees listed below is available on the Senate webpage and will be updated as necessary.
The Senate Daily Summary will be published each day after the legislation committees meet. The Summary will give a brief overview on the progress made by each committee and the business each committee expects to consider to the next day.

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 11.02pm.

The committee:
- **commenced** the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio (completed output 3.1: Australia Post and Telstra)
- **will continue** the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio (outputs 3.1, and 3.2 to 3.4: DCITA Corporate Services, Australian Communications Authority, Australian Broadcasting Corporation, and Special Broadcasting Service) when it meets on Tuesday 23 May 2006 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 9.08am until 11.00pm.

The committee:
- completed Parliamentary departments
- commenced the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio (completed Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General)
- will continue the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio (Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—general questions, Office of National Assessments, Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security, Australian National Audit Office, Australian Public Service Commission, Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman, and National Water Commission) when it meets on Tuesday 23 May 2006 in Senate Committee Room 2S1

Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
Portfolios allocated: Attorney-General; Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
For current information about the committee’s hearings

The committee met from 9.05am until 11.02pm.

The committee:
- commenced the Immigration and Multicultural Affairs portfolio (completed outcome 1)
- will continue the Immigration and Multicultural Affairs portfolio (outcome 2) when it meets on Tuesday 23 May 2006 in the Main Committee Room

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 9.30am until 11.00pm.

The committee:
- commenced the Transport and Regional Services portfolio (completed Corporate Services, Portfolio Strategic Policy and Projects, AusLink, Maritime and Land Transport, Australian Transport Safety Bureau, and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority)
- will continue the Transport and Regional Services portfolio (Aviation and Airports, Civil Aviation Safety Authority, Office of Transport Security, Inspector of Transport Security, Airservices Australia, Regional Services, Territories and Local Government, and National Capital Authority) when it meets on Tuesday 23 May 2006 in House of Representatives Committee Room 2R1
Further information

_Committee Hansards_ can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 6277 3010) 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