Community Affairs Committee

Portfolios allocated: Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; Health and Ageing
For current information about the committee’s hearings

The committee met from 9.05am until 10.50pm.

The committee:
- called the department and agencies of the Health and Ageing portfolio, including the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency, Medibank Private, the Private Health Insurance Administration Council, the Private Health Insurance Ombudsman, the National Blood Authority, and the National Health and Medical Research Council; and
- concluded its hearings.

Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee

Portfolios allocated: Communications, Information Technology and the Arts; Environment and Water Resources
For current information about the committee’s hearings

The committee met from 9.01am until 11.03pm.

The committee:
- called the department and agencies of the Communications, Information Technology and the Arts portfolio, including: the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, the National Museum of Australia, the Australia Council, the Australian Film Commission, the National Archives of Australia, the National Gallery of Australia, the National Library of Australia, the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority;
called the department and agencies of the Environment and Water Resources portfolio, including: the Bureau of Meteorology, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator, the Director of National Parks, and Parks Australia Division;

did not require the Supervising Scientist.

The committee will next meet on Friday, 16 February 2007 in Senate Committee Room 2S3, calling the Environment and Water Resources portfolio, commencing with the National Water Commission.

Finance and Public Administration Committee

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

The committee met from 9.03am until 11.02pm.

The committee:

called the department and agencies of the Finance and Administration portfolio, including ComSuper, the Future Fund Management Agency, and the Australian Electoral Commission; and
called Centrelink, of the Human Services portfolio.

The committee will next meet on Friday, 16 February 2007 in the Main Committee Room, calling the department and agencies of the Human Services portfolio.

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Portfolios allocated: Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship

The committee met from 9am until 11.02pm.

The committee:

called the department and agencies of the Attorney-General’s portfolio, including the Australian Customs Service, and the Australian Federal Police;
did not require outputs 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 2.3 and 2.4 of the department, the Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre, the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, the Australian Crime Commission, the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions, the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner, the National Native Title Tribunal, the Australian Law Reform Commission, the Federal Magistrates Court, and the Federal Court of Australia; and

concluded its hearings.
Committees will meet on Wednesday, 14 and Thursday, 15 February 2007 as follows:

**Economics Committee** *(program)*
Industry, Tourism and Resources
Treasury

**Employment, Workplace Relations and Education Committee** *(program)*
Education, Science and Training
Employment and Workplace Relations

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee** *(program)*
Defence (including Veterans’ Affairs)
Foreign Affairs and Trade

**Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee** *(program)*
Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Transport and Regional Services

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**Related links**
Portfolio budget statements and related papers can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 6277 3010) and on the [Internet](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate).

General information about the consideration of the 2006-07 additional estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference etc.) is available on the Senate web page.

A program for each of the committees is available on the Senate webpage and will be updated as necessary.

Committee proceedings can be viewed on the [Internet](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate).

Committee Hansards can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 62773010) and on the [Internet](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate) (when available).

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**Further information**

*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 Committees
No. 13: Rights and Responsibilities of Witnesses before Senate Committees

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