

# Senate Daily Summary

# 2007-08 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Thursday, 24 May 2007

# **Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Committee**

**Portfolios allocated:** Communications, Information Technology and the Arts; Environment and Water Resources

The committee met from 9.05am until 8.00pm.

## The committee:

- again called the department and agencies of the Communications and Information Technology portfolio; and
- concluded its hearings.

# **Finance and Public Administration Committee**

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

The committee met from 9.00am until 11.03pm.

## The committee:

- again called the department and agencies of the Finance and Administration portfolio;
- □ **called** the department and agencies of the Human Services portfolio; and
- concluded its hearings.

# **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

Portfolios allocated: Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship

The committee met from 9.00am until 11.00pm.

#### The committee:

- again called the department and agencies of the Attorney-General's portfolio; and
- concluded its hearings.

# **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee**

**Portfolios allocated:** Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Transport and Regional Services For current information about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 9.01am until 10.28pm.

#### The committee:

- again called the department and agencies of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio; and
- □ concluded its hearings.

# Budget estimates at a glance 26 to 31 May 2007

Next week committees will consider portfolios as follows:

- □ Community Affairs (program)
  - Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
  - > Health and Ageing
- □ Economics (program)
  - ➤ Industry, Tourism and Resources
  - > Treasury
- □ Employment, Workplace Relations and Education (program)
  - > Employment and Workplace Relations
  - > Education, Science and Training
- □ Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade (program)
  - ➤ Foreign Affairs and Trade
  - > Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)

# Related links

*Portfolio budget statements* and related papers can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 6277 3010) and on the <u>Internet</u>.

<u>General information</u> about the consideration of the 2007-08 budget estimates (membership of committees, portfolio allocation, terms of reference etc.) is available on the Senate website.

<u>A program</u> for each committee is available on the Senate website and will be updated as necessary.

Committee proceedings can be viewed on the Internet

Committee Hansards can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 6277 3010) and on the Internet

The Senate Daily Summary, published each day after the committees meet, gives an overview of the progress made by committees and the business they expect to consider the next day.

\* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

23 May 2007 Page 2

#### Online

The Senate Daily Summary is available on the Internet at www.aph.gov.au/senate

It is issued this week as a convenient summary of each day's consideration of estimates by Senate committees. On sitting days it provides a summary of each day's proceedings in the Senate.

## **Further information**

Senate Briefs 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

#### **Contact details**

Inquiries, comments and suggestions: phone 6277 3021

e-mail: sds@aph.gov.au

23 May 2007 Page 3