



# Senate Daily Summary

## 2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES

Tuesday, 21 October 2008

### Environment, Communications and the Arts Committee

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**Portfolios allocated:** Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy;  
Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts  
For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 9.03am until 11.05pm.

The committee:

- ❑ **called** the department and agencies of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio, including the National Water Commission, the Supervising Scientist, the Bureau of Meteorology, the Director of National Parks, the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority; and
- ❑ **concluded** its hearings.

### Finance and Public Administration Committee

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**Portfolios allocated:** Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet; Climate Change;  
Finance and Deregulation; Human Services  
For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.54pm.

The committee:

- ❑ **called** the department and agencies of the Finance and Deregulation portfolio, including the Australian Electoral Commission, Medibank Private Ltd and the Future Fund Management Agency;
- ❑ **called** the department and agencies of the Human Services portfolio, including Centrelink and Medicare Australia; and
- ❑ **concluded** its hearings.

## **Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee**

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**Portfolios allocated:** Attorney-General; Immigration and Citizenship

For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 9.05am until 11.01pm.

The committee

- ❑ **called** the department and agencies of the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio, including the Migration Agents Registration Authority, the Migration Review Tribunal and the Refugee Review Tribunal; and
- ❑ **concluded** its hearings.

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

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**Portfolios allocated:** Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

For [current information](#) about the committee's hearings

The committee met from 9.00am until 9.30pm.

The committee

- ❑ **called** the department and agencies of the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government portfolio, including Infrastructure Australia, Infrastructure Investment, the Office of Transport Security, the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics, Airservices Australia, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and the Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd; and
- ❑ **concluded** its hearings.

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Committees will meet on Wednesday, 22 and Thursday, 23 October 2008 as follows:

### **Community Affairs Committee** ([program](#))

Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs  
Health and Ageing

### **Economics Committee** ([program](#))

Innovation, Industry, Science and Research  
Resources, Energy and Tourism  
Treasury

### **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee** ([program](#))

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### **Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee** ([program](#))

Defence (including Veterans' Affairs)  
Foreign Affairs and Trade

### **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 2008-09 supplementary budget 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](#)

*Committee Hansards* can be obtained from the Senate Table Office (phone 6277 3010) and on the [Internet](#) (when available)

*The Senate Daily Summary* will be published each day after the committees meet. The Summary will give a brief overview on the progress made by each committee and the business each committee expects to consider the next day.

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### **Further information**

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[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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