



# Senate Daily Summary

## 2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Tuesday, 27 May 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 9.04am until 8.05pm.

The committee called the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

The committee will meet on Wednesday, 28 May 2008 in Senate Committee Room 2S3, calling the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts portfolio, commencing with the department.

### **Finance and Public Administration Committee**

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

The committee met from 9.01am until 9.12pm.

The committee called the department and agencies of the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio, including the Privacy Commissioner.

The committee will meet on Wednesday, 28 May 2008 in Senate Committee Room 2S1, again calling the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio, commencing with the Australian National Audit Office.

## **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 9.00am until 11.00pm.

The committee called the department and agencies of the Attorney-General's portfolio, including the National Native Title Tribunal, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, the Insolvency and Trustee Service of Australia, the Australian Government Solicitor, the Federal Court of Australia, the Federal Magistrates Court, the Family Court of Australia, the Classification Board and Classification Review Board.

The committee will meet on Wednesday, 28 May 2008 in the Main Committee Room, calling the Immigration and Citizenship portfolio, commencing with the Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal.

## **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 10.58pm.

The committee called the department and agencies of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio, including the Grains Research and Development Corporation, Meat and Livestock Australia, the Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics, the Bureau of Rural Sciences and the Australian Fisheries Management Authority.

The committee will meet on Wednesday, 28 May 2008 in House of Representatives Committee Room 2R1, calling the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government portfolio, commencing with the department.

### **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 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)

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### **Further information**

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[No. 5](#): Consideration of Estimates by the Senate Committees

[No. 13](#): Rights and Responsibilities of Witnesses before Senate Committees

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