



# Senate Daily Summary

## 2008-09 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES

Tuesday, 24 February 2009

### 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 9.01am until 11.08pm.

The committee:

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

### Finance and Public Administration Committee

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**Portfolios allocated:** Finance and Deregulation; Human Services; Parliament; Prime Minister and Cabinet  
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 Finance and Deregulation portfolio, including Medibank Private Ltd, the Australian Electoral Commission and the Future Fund Management Agency;
- ❑ **called** the department and agencies of the Human Services portfolio, including the Child Support Agency, 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 9.00am until 7.03pm.

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 7.30pm.

The committee:

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

Committees will meet on Wednesday, 25 and Thursday, 26 February 2009 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 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 listed below 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**

*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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