



# Senate Daily Summary

## 2009-10 BUDGET ESTIMATES

Thursday, 28 May 2009

### **Environment, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee**

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**Portfolios allocated:** Broadband, Communications, and the Digital Economy;  
Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

The committee met from 9.02am until 11.01pm.

The committee:

- ❑ **called** the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts; and
- ❑ **concluded** its hearings.

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

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

The committee met from 9.00am until 9.50pm.

The committee **called:**

- ❑ the department and agencies of the Finance and Deregulation portfolio, including the Australian Electoral Commission; and
- ❑ the department and agencies of the Human Services portfolio, including Centrelink, Medicare and Australian Hearing.

The committee will next meet on Friday, 29 May 2009 in Senate Committee Room 2S1, calling the Department of Climate Change and the Office of the Renewable Energy Regulator.

## Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

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

The committee met from 9.00am until 6.20pm.

The committee:

- ❑ **called** the Department of Immigration and Citizenship; and
- ❑ **concluded** its hearings.

## Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

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

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.06pm.

The committee:

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

### 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 2009-10 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**

*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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