

Finance and Public Administration

The Committee met on Monday 18 October 2010, from 9.00am until 10.09pm.

The Committee called:

- The Department of the Senate
- The Department of Parliamentary Services
- The Department and agencies of the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio, including the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, the Australian National Audit Office, the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority and the Australian Sports Commission

The Committee dismissed:

- Australian Public Service Commission

Among other issues, the main issues discussed were matters relating to:

- Ministerial suites, the cost of the new operations room at Parliament House and the Parliamentary Budget Office (Department of Parliamentary Services)
- The seeking of legal advice by the Governor-General (Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General)
- Changes to the portfolio (outlined in the opening statement), the negotiation of an Enterprise Bargaining Agreement, the Agreement between the Government and the Australian Greens and the appointment of a National Security Monitor (Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet)
- Recent reports on direct source procurement, the Green Loans Programme, the BER and the Home Insulation Audits (Australian National Audit Office).