

## **Finance and Public Administration**

The Committee met on Tuesday 19 October 2010, from 9.04am until 10.55pm.

The Committee called the:

- Department and agencies of the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio in relation to Outcome 2 (Arts), including National Film and Sound Archive, Screen Australia, National Museum of Australia, National Gallery of Australia, National Library of Australia
- Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government under the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio including the Office of Northern Australia
- Department and agencies of the Finance and Deregulation portfolio including Medibank Private Ltd, Future Fund Management Agency and the Australian Electoral Commission

The Committee dismissed:

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

- Timing of the return to answers to Questions on Notice (Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government)
- Efficiency dividend for the Australia Council and the National Museum, and the operation of the resale royalties scheme (Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet)
- Cost of extensions (National Gallery of Australia)
- Archiving of websites (National Library)
- Dividend policy (Medibank Private)
- Funding arrangements for various programmes, the costing of election commitments, possible review of the caretaker conventions (Department of Finance and Deregulation)
- Telstra holdings of the Future Fund (Future Fund)
- Registration of names, timing of elections, electorate of Boothby, training and use of pre-poll voting (Australian Electoral Office)