

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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### SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Public Hearings: BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2014-15**

**Monday, 26 May to Thursday, 29 May 2014 and if required  
Friday, 30 May 2014**

**Committee Room 2S3  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT**

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**MONDAY, 26 May 2014**

**Time Environment Portfolio**

<b>Department of the Environment</b>	
<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>General questions of the Department</b>
	<b>Morning Tea: 10.30 am to 10.45 am</b>
<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Bureau of Meteorology *</b>
<b>11.45 am</b>	<b>Outcome 3: Advancement of Australia's strategic, scientific, environmental and economic interests in the Antarctic by protecting, administering and researching the region.</b>
	<i>Antarctica</i>
	<b>Lunch: 12.45 pm to 1.45 pm</b>

<b>1.45 pm</b>	<b>Outcome 4:</b> Improve the health of rivers and freshwater ecosystems and water use efficiency through implementing water reforms, and ensuring enhanced sustainability, efficiency and productivity in the management and use of water resources.
	<i>Program 4.1: Water Reform</i> <b>National Water Commission</b>
<b>3.15 pm</b>	<i>Program 4.2: Commonwealth Environmental Water</i> <b>Commonwealth Environmental Water Office</b>
	<b>Afternoon Tea: 4.15 pm to 4.30 pm</b>
<b>4.30 pm</b>	<b>Murray-Darling Basin Authority</b>
<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Outcome 2:</b> Reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to the impacts of climate change and contribute to the negotiation of an effective global solution to climate change, through developing and implementing a national response to climate change.
	<i>Program 2.1: Reducing Australia's Greenhouse Gas Emissions</i>
	<b>Dinner: 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm</b>
<b>7.30 pm</b>	<i>Program 2.1: Reducing Australia's Greenhouse Gas Emissions (continued)</i>
<b>8.30 pm</b>	<b>Clean Energy Regulator *</b>
	<b>Tea Break 9.15 pm to 9.30 pm</b>
<b>9.30 pm</b>	<i>Program 2.2: Adapting to Climate Change</i>
<b>10.45 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>

**TUESDAY, 27 May 2014**

**Time Environment Portfolio**

<b>Department of the Environment</b>	
<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Office of the Supervising Scientist <i>via videoconference</i></b>
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Director of National Parks</b>
	<b>Morning Tea: 10.30 am to 10.45 am</b>
<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Outcome 1:</b> Conserve, protect and sustainably manage Australia's biodiversity, ecosystems, environment and heritage through research, information management, supporting natural resource management, establishing and managing Commonwealth Protected areas, and reducing and regulating the use of pollutants and hazardous substances.
<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Sydney Harbour Federation Trust *</b>
<b>11.00 am</b>	<i>Program 1.4: Conservation of Australia's Heritage and the Environment</i>
	<b>Lunch: 12.45 pm to 1.45 pm</b>
<b>1.45 pm</b>	<b>Climate Change Authority *</b>
<b>2.30 pm</b>	<i>Program 1.5: Environmental regulation</i>
	<b>Afternoon Tea: 3.30 pm to 3.45 pm</b>
<b>3.45 pm</b>	<i>Program 1.6: Management of Hazardous Wastes, Substances and Pollutants</i>
<b>4.30 pm</b>	<i>Program 1.2: Environmental Information and Research</i>
<b>5.15 pm</b>	<i>Program 1.3: Carbon Pollution Reduction – Land Sector Initiatives</i>
	<b>Dinner 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm</b>
<b>7.00 pm</b>	<i>Program 1.1: Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and the Environment</i>
	<b>Tea Break: 9.00 pm to 9.15 pm</b>
<b>9.15 pm</b>	<b>Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority *</b>
<b>10.15 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>

**WEDNESDAY, 28 May 2014**

**Time                      Communications Portfolio**

<b>Department of Communications</b>	
<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>General questions of the Department</b>
	<b>Outcome 1:</b> Promote an innovative and competitive communications sector, through policy development, advice and program delivery, so all Australians can realise the full potential of digital technologies and communications services.
<b>10.00 am</b>	<i>Program 1.3: Broadcasting and Digital Television</i>
	<b>Break: 11.15 am to 11.30 am</b>
<b>11.30 am</b>	<b>Australian Broadcasting Corporation *</b>
	<b>Lunch: 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm</b>
<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Australian Broadcasting Corporation (<i>continued</i>)</b>
	<b>Afternoon Tea: 3.45 pm to 4.00 pm</b>
<b>4.00 pm</b>	<i>Program 1.2: Digital Economy and Postal Services</i>
<b>5.30 pm</b>	<b>Australia Post *</b>
	<b>Dinner 6.15 pm to 7.15 pm</b>
<b>7.15 pm</b>	<b>Australia Post (<i>continued</i>)</b>
	<b>Tea Break: 9.00 pm to 9.15 pm</b>
<b>9.15 pm</b>	<b>Australia Post (<i>continued</i>)</b>
<b>11.00 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>

## THURSDAY, 29 May 2014

### Time                                  Communications Portfolio

<b>Department of Communications</b>	
<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Australian Communications and Media Authority *</b>
	<b>Morning Tea: 10.30 am to 10.45 am</b>
<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Special Broadcasting Service *</b>
<b>12.15 pm</b>	<b>Telecommunications Universal Service Management Agency *</b>
	<b>Lunch: 1.15 pm to 2.15 pm</b>
<b>2.15 pm</b>	<i>Program 1.1 Broadband and Communications Infrastructure</i>
	<b>Afternoon Tea: 3.45 pm to 4.00 pm</b>
<b>4.00 pm</b>	<i>Program 1.1 Broadband and Communications Infrastructure</i>
<b>5.45 pm</b>	<b>NBN Co *</b>
	<b>Dinner 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm</b>
<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>NBN Co (continued)</b>
	<b>Tea Break: 9.00 pm to 9.15 pm</b>
<b>9.15 pm</b>	<b>NBN Co (continued)</b>
<b>11.00 pm</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>

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