

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 2013-14

**Monday, 3 June to Thursday, 6 June 2013 and if required
Friday, 7 June 2013**

**Committee Room 2R1
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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AGENDA

MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2013

9.00am	Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio
9.00am - 9.30am	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)
	Outcome 1: Improved knowledge, innovative capacity and healthcare through nuclear-based facilities, research, training, products, services and advice to government, industry, the education sector and the Australian population.
9.30am - 9.45am	IP Australia
	Outcome 1: Increased innovation, investment and trade in Australia, and by Australians overseas, through the administration of the registrable intellectual property rights system, promoting public awareness and industry engagement, and advising government.

9.45am - 11.20am	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
	Outcome 1: Innovative scientific and technology solutions to national challenges and opportunities to benefit industry, the environment and the community, through scientific research and capability development, services and advice.
<i>11.20am - 11.35am</i>	<i>Morning tea</i>
11.35am - 12.15pm	Australian Research Council (ARC)
	Outcome 1: Growth of knowledge and innovation through managing research funding schemes, measuring research excellence and providing advice.
12.15pm - 12.45pm	Office of the Chief Scientist
	Outcome 2: Production, use and awareness of science and research knowledge, by supporting research activity; training and infrastructure; science communication; skill development; and collaboration, within the research sector and between researchers and industry, domestically and internationally.
<i>12.45pm - 1.45pm</i>	<i>Lunch</i>
1.45pm - 3.00pm	Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)
	Outcome 1: Contribute to a high quality higher education sector through streamlined and nationally consistent higher education regulatory arrangements; registration of higher education providers; accreditation of higher education courses; and investigation, quality assurance and dissemination of higher education standards and performance.
3.00pm - 4.00pm	Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA)
	Outcome 1: Contribute to a high quality vocational education and training sector, including through streamlined and nationally consistent regulation of training providers and courses, and the communication of advice to the sector on improvements to the quality of vocational education and training.
4.00pm - 7.30pm	Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (Tertiary: Outcome 3) [including the National Advisory for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment (NATESE)]
<i>(Afternoon tea 5.00pm - 5.15pm)</i>	Outcome 3: A growth in skills, qualifications and productivity through funding to improve teaching quality, learning, and tertiary sector infrastructure, international promotion of Australia's education and training sectors, and partnerships with industry.
<i>7.30pm - 8.30pm</i>	<i>Dinner</i>
8.30pm - 9.30pm	Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (Science and Research: Outcome 2)
	Outcome 2: Production, use and awareness of science and research knowledge, by supporting research activity; training and infrastructure; science communication; skill development; and collaboration, within the research sector and between researchers and industry, domestically and internationally.
9.30pm - 9.45pm	<i>Tea Break</i>

9.45pm	Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio
9.45pm - 10.45pm	Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism (Outcome 1: Resources & Energy)
	Outcome 1: The improved strength, competitiveness and sustainability of the resources, energy and tourism industries to enhance Australia's prosperity and improve Australia's energy efficiency through implementation of government policy and programs.
10.45pm - 11.00pm	Geoscience Australia
	Outcome 1: Informed government, industry and community decisions on the economic, social and environmental management of the nation's natural resources through enabling access to geoscientific and spatial information.
<i>11.00pm</i>	<i>Adjournment</i>

**Proposed breaks
for Monday**

Morning tea: 11.20am - 11.35am
Lunch: 12.45pm - 1.45pm
Afternoon tea: 5.00pm - 5.15pm
Dinner: 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Tea break: 9.30pm - 9.45pm

TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2013

9.00am	Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio (continued)
9.00am – 3.15pm	Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (Industry and Innovation: Outcome 1)
	<i>Questions relating to Cooperative Research Centres should be asked in this session.</i>
(Morning tea 10.15am - 10.30am) (Lunch 1.30pm - 2.30pm)	Outcome 1: The sustainable development and growth of Australian industry – particularly the manufacturing, services and small business sectors – by encouraging businesses to innovate, collaborate and commercialise ideas, and by delivering business advice, assistance and services.
3.15pm-4.00pm	Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (Small Business)
4.00pm	Resources, Energy and Tourism Portfolio
4.00pm - 5.00pm	Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism (Outcome 1: Tourism) <i>appearing with Tourism Australia</i>
	Outcome 1: The improved strength, competitiveness and sustainability of the resources, energy and tourism industries to enhance Australia's prosperity and improve Australia's energy efficiency through implementation of government policy and programs. Outcome 1 (Tourism Australia): Increase demand for Australia as a destination, strengthen the travel distribution system, and contribute to the development of a sustainable tourism industry through consumer marketing, trade development and research activities.
5.00pm - 5.15pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>
5.15pm	Treasury Portfolio
5.15pm - 7.00pm	Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)
	Outcome 1: Improved confidence in financial market integrity and protection of investors and consumers through research, policy, education, compliance and deterrence that mitigates emerging risks. Outcome 2: Streamlined and cost-effective interaction and access to information for business and the public, through registry, licensing and business facilitation services.
7.00pm - 8.00pm	<i>Dinner</i>

8.00pm - 8.30pm	Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)
	Outcome 1: Informed decisions, research and discussion within governments and the community by leading the collection, analysis and provision of high quality, objective and relevant statistical information.
8.30pm - 10.00pm	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)
	Outcome 1: Lawful competition, consumer protection, and regulated national infrastructure markets and services through regulation, including enforcement, education, price monitoring and determining the terms of access to infrastructure services.
<i>10.00pm - 10.15pm</i>	<i>Tea break</i>
10.15pm - 11.00pm	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)
	Outcome 1: Enhanced public confidence in Australia's financial institutions through a framework of prudential regulation which balances financial safety and efficiency, competition, contestability and competitive neutrality.
<i>11.00pm</i>	<i>Adjournment</i>

Proposed breaks

Morning tea	10.15am - 10.30am
Lunch	1.30pm - 2.30pm
Afternoon tea	5.00pm - 5.15pm
Dinner	7.00pm - 8.00pm
Tea Break	10.00pm - 10.15pm

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2013

9.00am	Treasury Portfolio (continued)
9.00am - 2.45pm	Treasury – Fiscal Group [including the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)]
	<i>Questions relating to climate change modelling and questions for the CEFC should be asked from 11.15am onwards.</i>
<i>(Morning tea 11.00am - 11.15am)</i> <i>(Lunch 12.30pm - 1.30pm)</i>	Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations.
2.45pm - 3.15pm	Commonwealth Grants Commission
	Outcome 1: Informed government decisions on fiscal equalisation between the States and Territories through advice and recommendations on the distribution of GST revenue and health care grants.
3.15pm - 3.45pm	Inspector General of Taxation
	Outcome 1: Improved tax administration through community consultation, review and independent advice to government.
<i>3.45pm - 4.00pm</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
4.00pm - 11.00pm	Treasury – Revenue Group **
<i>(Dinner break 6.15pm - 7.15pm)</i> <i>(Tea break 9.15pm - 9.30pm)</i>	Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations.
	Australian Taxation Office (ATO) **
	Outcome 1: Confidence in the administration of aspects of Australia's taxation and superannuation systems through helping people understand their rights and obligations, improving ease of compliance and access to benefits, and managing non-compliance with the law.
	** Treasury-Revenue Group and the ATO will be appearing together. <i>Questions relating to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) should be asked from 7.15pm onwards.</i>
<i>11.00pm</i>	<i>Adjournment</i>

Proposed breaks	Morning tea	11.00am - 11.15am
	Lunch	12.30pm - 1.30pm
	Afternoon tea	3.45pm - 4.00pm
	Dinner	6.15pm - 7.15pm
	Tea Break	9.15pm - 9.30pm

THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 2013

9.00am	Treasury Portfolio (continued)
9.00am - 2.45pm	Treasury-Macroeconomic Group <i>Dr Martin Parkinson will be appearing at this session.</i>
(Morning tea 10.15am - 10.30am) (Lunch 12.45pm - 1.45pm)	Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations.
2.45pm - 7.30pm	Treasury – Markets Group
(Afternoon tea 4.15pm - 4.30pm)	Outcome 1: Informed decisions on the development and implementation of policies to improve the wellbeing of the Australian people, including by achieving strong, sustainable economic growth, through the provision of advice to government and the efficient administration of federal financial relations.
7.30pm - 8.30pm	<i>Dinner</i>
8.30pm – 9.15pm	Australian Office of Financial Management (AOFM)
	Outcome 1: The advancement of macroeconomic growth and stability, and the effective operation of financial markets, through issuing debt, investing in financial assets and managing debt, investments and cash for the Australian Government.
9.15pm - 9.30pm	<i>Tea Break</i>
9.30pm - 11.00pm	Productivity Commission
	Outcome 1: Well-informed policy decision-making and public understanding on matters relating to Australia’s productivity and living standards, based on independent and transparent analysis from a community-wide perspective.
11.00pm	<i>Adjournment</i>

Proposed breaks	Morning tea	10.15am - 10.30am
	Lunch	12.45pm - 1.45pm
	Afternoon tea	4.15pm - 4.30pm
	Dinner	7.30pm - 8.30pm
	Tea Break	9.15pm - 9.30pm

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