



Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates 2018-19
Tuesday, 19 February 2019
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 8.59am to 11.01pm.

The committee continued its examination of the Additional Estimates 2018-19 by calling the department and agencies of the Finance portfolio:

- ASC Pty Ltd
- Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd
- Future Fund Management Agency
- Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation
- Department of Finance
- Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority
- Australian Electoral Commission

Topics discussed by the committee included:

ASC Pty Ltd and Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd

- transfer of ASC Shipbuilding to BAE; and
- developments in and demographics of the ASC workforce.

Future Fund Management Agency

- asset management and allocation;
- appointment process to the Future Fund Board of Guardians and the Chair;
- low-fee superannuation proposals; and
- investment mandate for the Future Drought Fund.

Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation

- veterans' superannuation;
- complaint mechanisms and resolutions; and
- interaction of specific payments and family law disputes.

Department of Finance

- travel arrangements of the Minister for Finance;
- tender processes for whole of Australian Government travel providers;
- MYEFO 2018-19;
- advertising campaigns, including during election periods;
- workplace bullying and harassment investigations for MoPS Act staff; and
- Comcar procurement process.

Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority

- changes in the structure of electorate and office expense allowances; and
- travel expenses of special envoys.

Australian Electoral Commission

- recent cyber-attacks targeting major political parties;
- voting systems in Federal elections and the digitisation of counting;
- trends in the utilisation of pre-polling by electors and the deployment of pre-poll centres by the AEC;
- engagement of, and reporting requirements for, political consultants;
- AEC review of GetUp; and
- access of electoral roll data by credit agencies.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Friday, 22 February 2019 in Senate Committee Room 2S1, for the cross-portfolio examination of Indigenous matters.