



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates 2018-19
Tuesday, 19 February 2019
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.04am until 10.45pm.

The committee called the following agencies and departments from the Attorney-General's portfolio:

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal
- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity
- Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions
- Commonwealth Ombudsman
- Family Court of Australia, Federal Circuit Court of Australia and Federal Court of Australia (the federal courts)
- Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security
- Office of the Australian Information Commissioner
- Attorney-General's Department in relation to cross-portfolio/corporate/general matters, Group 2 and Group 3

Group 4 of the department was released from the hearing without questions.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- litigation in relation to the unauthorised disclosure of information in relation to the execution of search warrants in support of the Registered Organisation Commission's investigations into the Australian Workers Union;
- response of the federal courts and the department in relation to the committee's recent report into the Federal Circuit and Family Court Bill 2018 and its related consequential bill, including discussion of the report's recommendations; and
- selection process and appointment of members of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.