



Senate Economics Legislation Committee  
Additional Estimates 2018-19  
Thursday, 21 February 2019  
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Economics Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.00am until 11.08pm.

The committee called:

- Department agencies of the Treasury portfolio, commencing with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and the Australian Energy Regulator (AER), followed by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA)
- Department agencies of the Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio including all programs, Anti-Dumping Commission, Office of the Chief Scientist, Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS), Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO), Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Office of Innovation and Science Australia, and the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA)

Due to the committee's extended examination of the ACCC, the committee released the Office of the Chief Scientist and the Office of Innovation and Science Australia from the program.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- ACCC's final report for the inquiry into Retail Electricity Pricing;
- APRA's member outcomes legislation;
- APRA's response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry;
- Women in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM);
- Australian Building Codes Board and the Building Ministers' Forum;
- Australian Space Agency;
- Seafood Origin Working Group;
- National Radioactive Waste Management Facility;
- CSIRO and the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Royal Commission;
- NAIF's investment decisions to date; and
- oil drilling in the Great Australian Bight.

This concludes the Economics Legislation Committee's examination of the 2018-19 Additional Estimates.