



Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
Additional Estimates 2018-19  
Friday, 22 February 2019  
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee cross-portfolio Indigenous matters estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.03am to 2.53pm.

The committee called three Indigenous agencies of the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio:

- Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC)
- Indigenous Business Australia
- Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

The committee also called the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet to examine Outcome 2 of the department's additional portfolio budget statements. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet were then joined by officers of the Department of Health, to answer questions on health issues.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- divestment and acquisition policies for properties held by the ILSC;
- historical and projected financial performance of Ayers Rock Resort, the ILSC and the Land Account;
- approaches to addressing increases in the demand for Indigenous entrepreneurship services;
- recent amendments to the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* and the technical review conducted by agencies;
- process for deregistration of indigenous corporations;
- consultation and funding decisions in relation to Rise Ventures and its Chair, Warren Mundine;
- deployment of the Community Development Programme and engagement of consultants working with Indigenous job-seekers;
- recent events regarding the executive of the Northern Land Council;
- consultation and cooperation among the states in regards to closing the gap;
- youth suicide in Indigenous communities; and
- efforts to discourage smoking in Indigenous communities.

This concludes the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee's examination of the 2018–19 Additional Estimates.