



Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates 2018-19
Wednesday, 6 March 2019
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 1.03pm until 2.22pm.

The committee called:

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- terms of the settlement reached between the ABC and the former Managing Director, Ms Michelle Guthrie;
- final report of the Government's efficiency review of the National Broadcasters;
- extension of funding for the ABC's Enhanced Newsgathering initiative;
- impact of the freeze in the ABC's annual funding indexation for three years from July 2019;
- cancellation of the ABC's *The Checkout* program; and
- Government's \$17 million package to provide Australian commercial content to Pacific broadcasters.