



Senate Economics Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2018-19
Thursday, 31 May 2018
Daily summary

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

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.24pm.

The committee called:

- department agencies of the Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio, commencing with Program 3: Cross-portfolio, followed by Program 1, Programs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, Office of Innovation and Science, Anti-Dumping Commission, Office of the Chief Scientist, Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO), and Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

Due to the extended examination of the Department's Program 3: Cross-portfolio, the committee rescheduled the appearance of IP Australia and added a further session for consideration of Program 2 to the program for next Tuesday 5 June 2018.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- Innovation and Science Australia 2030 plan;
- implementation of the Australian Government Guidelines on the Recognition of Sex and Gender;
- women in STEM;
- R&D tax incentive;
- funding for the Great Barrier Reef;
- Cooperative Research Centre monitoring program;
- Advanced Manufacturing Fund;
- National Innovation and Science Agenda;
- impact of US tariffs on Australia's steel and aluminium trade;
- radioactive waste management;
- CSIRO's work on Genetic Biocontrol of Invasive Rodents; and
- staffing at CSIRO.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Tuesday, 5 June 2018 in Committee Room 2R1, calling:

- department agencies of the Industry, Innovation and Science portfolio, commencing with Program 2.4, followed by Program 2.5, National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA), Geoscience Australia, Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS), IP Australia, Programs 2.1, 2.2, 2.3; and
- Inspector-General of Taxation (Treasury portfolio).