

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee Budget Estimates 2019-20 Tuesday, 9 April 2019 Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.01am to 6.31pm.

The committee called:

Finance Portfolio

- ASC Pty Ltd;
- Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd;
- Future Fund Management Agency;
- Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation;
- Department of Finance (Outcomes 1, 2 & 3);
- Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority; and
- Australian Electoral Commission.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- provisions for ASC in the Portfolio Budget Statements;
- ASC staffing decisions and projected workforce changes;
- progress of the Osborne South Development Project;
- estimated investment return from the Future Fund in the budget;
- gender diversity in the senior management of the Future Fund Management Agency;
- steps being taken by the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation in anticipation of changes to superannuation legislation as a result of the banking Royal Commission;
- process by which government advertising and information campaigns are approved, including the
 processes of the Service Delivery and Coordination Committee (SDCC) and the Independent
 Communication Committee (ICC);
- volume and particulars of staff employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984;
- claims to IPEA and developments in the Parliamentary Expenses Management System;
- media reports regarding parliamentarians' printing expenses;
- AEC investigation into whether GetUp! has a reporting obligation as an associated entity;
- preparations for the 2019 Federal Election, including election mechanisms and vote counting;
- advances to the Minister for Finance since MYEFO; and
- particulars of Budget Paper No. 2, including provisions for the Emergency Response Fund and the Climate Solutions Package.

The committee will next meet at **9.00am** on Friday, 12 April 2019 in Senate Committee Room 2S1, for the cross-portfolio indigenous matters hearing.