



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2019-20  
Monday, 21 October 2019  
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.03am until 11.06pm.

The committee examined the following Home Affairs Portfolio agencies:

- Department of Home Affairs;
- Australian Federal Police;
- Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and Australian Institute of Criminology;
- Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre; and
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation.

The committee examined Outcomes 1 and 2 of the department in addition to cross-portfolio, corporate and general matters. Officers under Outcome 3 were released from the hearing.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- ongoing AFP investigations in relation to members of the media, including reviews regarding the management of sensitive investigations;
- increasing rates in Freedom of Information requests in relation to departmental matters, including budgetary and staffing responses;
- rates of persons entering Australia on valid temporary visas and subsequently applying for protection visas, including rates of such cases at airports; and
- persons detained on the reopened Christmas Island detention centre, including legal challenges to their intended deportation.

The committee will next meet at **9.00am** on Tuesday, 22 October 2019 in the Main Committee Room.