



Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2019-20
Tuesday, 22 October 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 9.19pm.

The committee called:

Finance Portfolio

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

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- workforce numbers in ASC;
- life-of-type extension funding;
- naval shipyard design;
- operation of sovereign wealth funds, including investment mandates;
- investment priorities of the Future Fund Management Agency;
- review into the retirement income system;
- appointments to the CSC board;
- APS staffing caps and utilisation of consultants;
- decentralisation of Commonwealth agencies to regional areas;
- employment of staff under the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984*;
- introduction of the Parliamentary Expenses Management System for Parliamentarians;
- enquiries to Ministerial and Parliamentary Services;
- staffing and workforce matters for IPEA;
- Department of Finance briefings to the Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters;
- Operation Tetris;
- government campaign advertising and market research expenditure;
- act of grace payments and waiver of debts;
- environmental measures in the Department of Finance annual report;
- Department of Finance involvement with SnowyHydro; and
- 2019 Federal election including: electoral signage, informal votes, and AEC staff training.

The committee will next meet at **9.00am** on Friday, 25 October 2019, in Senate Committee Room 2S1, for the cross-portfolio hearing on indigenous matters.