



Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2019-20
Tuesday, 22 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 9.01am until 11.05pm.

The committee examined the following Attorney-General's Portfolio agencies:

- Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT);
- Australian Law Reform Commission;
- Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions;
- Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC);
- Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security;
- Office of the Australian Information Commissioner;
- Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability;
- Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI);
- Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman; and
- Attorney-General's Department (the department).

The committee examined Groups 1 to 4 of the department in addition to corporate and general matters (excluding matters relating to industrial relations).

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- recently revised selection processes of members of the AAT, including rates of candidates with legal qualifications;
- current AHRC inquiry headed by the Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Ms Kate Jenkins, into the prevalence of sexual harassment in Australian workplaces;
- ongoing ACLEI investigations, including in relation to Home Affairs Portfolio agencies; and
- matters relating to the Public Interest Disclosure Scheme, including media rights, ongoing prosecutions, and the Australian Government's response to the *Review of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013*.