



Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2019-20
Friday, 25 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 9.00am to 2.58pm.

The committee called four Indigenous agencies of the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio:

- Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC);
- Outback Stores Pty Ltd;
- Northern Land Council; and
- National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA).

The NIAA were joined by officers of the Department of Health to answer questions on indigenous health issues.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- divestments of the ILSC;
- operation of Outback Stores in relation to Balgo, WA;
- governance of the Northern Land Council;
- funding decisions and grants by the NIAA;
- licensing arrangements for the Australian Aboriginal Flag;
- indigenous employment measures;
- Community Development Program;
- constitutional recognition and establishment of a Voice to Parliament;
- funding of Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations through the Australians' Health Program;
- multi-jurisdictional syphilis outbreak; and
- petrol sniffing.

The committee has resolved to hold a spillover hearing at a later date to examine the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General and the North Queensland Livestock Industry Recovery Agency. Information on this hearing will be made available when agreed to by the committee.