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To: [ANU Government Relations](#)
Cc: [Committee, EEC \(SEN\)](#)
Subject: Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025-26 | Program
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Good morning,

As previously indicated, the Australian National University has been requested to appear at the Education and Employment Legislation Committee's upcoming estimates hearings in October. The committee's expectation is that the Chancellor, Interim Vice-Chancellor and the Chair of the Academic Board, Professor Anthony Connolly, will attend in person.

Attached is the program which includes ANU's scheduled appearance time, **5.05pm to 6.00pm on Friday, 10 October 2025**.

I would be grateful if you could confirm the witnesses and observers who will be attending the hearing by **12pm Friday 3 October 2025** to assist security, broadcasting and Hansard in preparing for the hearings. We also understand that you will liaise with the Department of Education to facilitate witness arrangements as per previous estimates hearings.

A reminder that opening statements are due the day before. If you are not able to provide them by then, please bring 10 hard copies to the hearing on the day.

Questions on Notice

The Education and Employment Legislation Committee has agreed to the following dates for questions on notice for the upcoming estimates hearings:

- Written questions on notice are due to the secretariat by **24 October 2025**
- Answers to questions on notice are due from departments/agencies by **21 November 2025**

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the secretariat.

Kind regards,



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In case you are with the Chancellor during the Senate estimates session, please find a document on hearing arrangements, which details the Webex arrangements. Relevant section copied and pasted below:

Videoconferencing and teleconferencing

Webex videoconferencing and teleconferencing facilities will be available for departments and agencies, subject to committee agreement. A Webex committee hearing explainer document and video is available to assist with participation via videoconference.

DPS Broadcasting will issue Outlook Calendar invitations for each day of a committee's estimates hearings. Each invitation will have a Webex join button and a conference link and password. The invitations will be received in advance of the hearings and secretariats will circulate to senators, departments and agencies as needed.

A **hotline** to support videoconferencing and respond to any problems experienced by witnesses will be available through the Senior Clerk's Office. Witnesses experiencing difficulty connecting to the hearing can contact the hotline via phone or email (details below). Witnesses may need to participate via teleconference if issues cannot be resolved. Staff on the hotline will liaise with the secretariat if required.

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2025–26 Supplementary Budget Estimates 10 October 2025

1 October 2025

Good morning

The Education and Employment Legislation Committee's adopted program for the 2025–26 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing has been [published](#) and is **attached** for information.

The Education portfolio will be appearing from **9am to 7pm, Friday 10 October 2025**. *Information for the December hearing will be provided once confirmed.*

The hearing room is **2S3** and the waiting room is **1S4** (downstairs from the hearing room).

Witnesses

Please familiarise yourself with the following documents:

- Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26 hearing arrangements (**attached**)
- [Parliament's Information for Departments and Agencies](#)
- [Government Guidelines for Official Witnesses \(including Public Interest Immunity\)](#).

Entry to Parliament House, committee rooms and waiting rooms

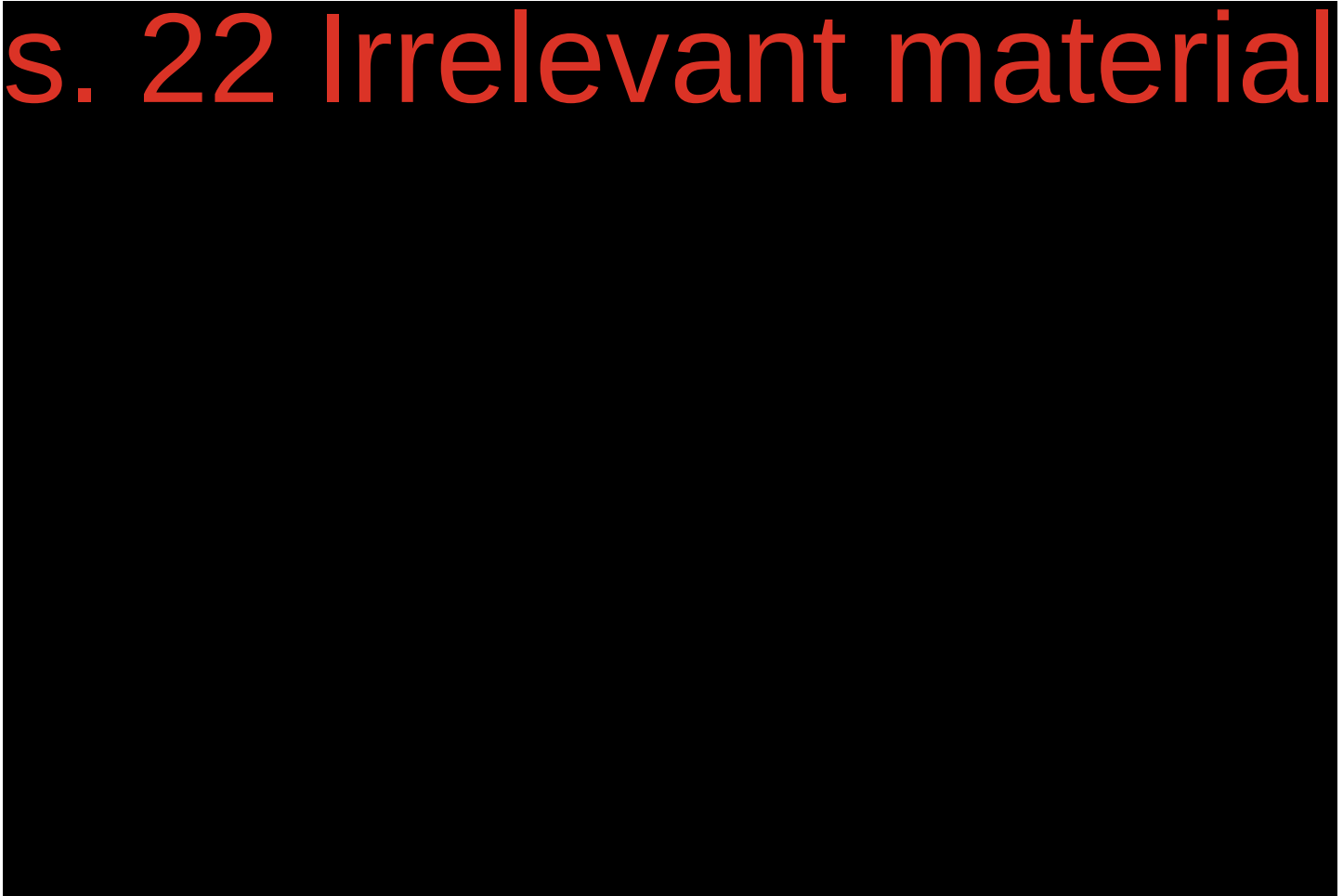
Officials attending hearings as witnesses or observers are encouraged to enter via the main front entrance; however, it is likely some passholders will access APH using other entrances.

Commonwealth officials who are not APH passholders will be issued with an estimates pass from the [Security Desk, located in the Marble Foyer via the main public entrance](#). This pass will allow them to access certain private areas of the building such as waiting rooms.

For an estimates pass to be issued:

- the Commonwealth official's name must be on the Witness and Observer List, which is provided to the Department of Parliamentary Services, Security and Concierge; and
- the Commonwealth official must produce photographic ID which includes their full name (for example, a current Driver's Licence).

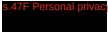
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Subject: RE: 2025–26 Supplementary Budget Estimates - Program & Witness and Observer List - October 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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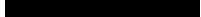
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The Committee has also flagged that they are awaiting a response to the email they sent directly to Chancellor Bishop yesterday.

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The artwork *Guwanyir wingara yirabana* is our story. It means 'learning journey' in Dharug/Darug language. Designed by Trevor Eastwood from Dalmarrri with our people, the artwork was made by many hands in a powerful gesture showcasing reconciliation in action.

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Sent: Thursday, 9 October 2025 12:00 PM
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Best,

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Hi s.47F Personal privacy

Thank you for sending the revised witness list.

The committee has requested the reason for Chancellor Bishop's request to appear via videoconference please.

Happy to discuss.

Kind regards

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As discussed, we have added two additional witnesses for the ANU session on Friday, 10 October at 5.15pm. These are:

1. Mr Jonathan Churchill, Chief Operating Officer, Australian National University
2. Mr Michael Lonergan, Chief Financial Officer, Australian National University

Please find the updated witness and observer list attached.

Additionally, Chancellor Julie Bishop will be appearing via video link. Grateful if you can provide us with the logistical details for the Chancellor to dial in.

Any issues, please let us know. I'm happy to be the point of contact for ANU and direct messages where they need to go – my mobile number is s.47F Personal privacy Thank you for your help.

Best,

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From: ANU Government Relations

Sent: Wednesday, 1 October 2025 11:51 AM

To: 'EDUC - Estimates' <Senate.Estimates@education.gov.au>

Subject: RE: 2025–26 Supplementary Budget Estimates - Program & Witness and Observer List - October 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s.47F Personal privacy

Thanks for your time on the phone today. As discussed, please find the witness and observer list attached for ANU. We may add an additional witness but note that we will need to do this asap for nameplates and Hansard.

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Subject: 2025–26 Supplementary Budget Estimates - Program & Witness and Observer List - October 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Good morning s.47F Personal privacy

Thank you for your time on the phone yesterday.

Please find attached the Education and Employment Legislation Committee's program for the

upcoming estimates hearing in October, received this morning.

A Witness and Observer List template is also attached for the purposes of Hansard and Parliament House Security. Grateful if you could please complete and return to us by **noon on Wednesday, 1 October 2025**.

As discussed, our previously tabled *Senate Order 21 Estimates hearings – Unanswered questions on notice* can be found on the APH website at: [Tabled documents | Document 9461](#).

We will email further information regarding hearing arrangements in due course.

If you have any questions, please reach out.

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Dear [s.47F Personal privacy](#)

Thanks for your email.

The committee has noted Ms Bishop's intention to appear in-person at today's hearing.

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Dear Committee

Further to your email received yesterday.

The Chancellor is currently in transit from Perth to Canberra and we will notify you when she arrives in Canberra, which, according to current flight times should enable her to be in attendance at the commencement of the ANU session at 5.15pm aest today.

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The Committee notes your notification that you will not be attending the committee's estimates hearing in person on 10 October 2025 because you are based in Perth.

As you will be aware, the committee requires several agencies to appear before it as part of the estimates process. The committee's expectations are that all senior staff of those agencies appear in person, whether they are based in Canberra or not. I note that over the course of the committee's hearings this week, no other senior staff of agencies have requested to appear remotely.

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If it is not possible for you to appear in person at this late stage, the committee has no option but to permit your attendance remotely, however it is our expectation that the ANU would follow the same protocols as other agencies with respect to the attendance of senior officials in the future.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Committee

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