Index

benchmarking, 94, 101, 130, 135

see also business regulation benchmarking

building regulation reform research study, 129

broadcasting inquiry, 50, 96, 97, 100, 128

```
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, 52, 139, 160
accrual-based outcomes and outputs framework, 59, 91, 98
ageing of Australia's population, 1, 2, 6, 9, 18, 23, 40, 194, 195
ageing research study, 2, 43, 52, 128, 130, 160
agriculture research paper, 52, 160
Allen Consulting Group, 129, 138, 159
annual review of regulatory burdens research study, 25, 26, 29, 31, 59, 115, 166
Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, 46, 112
audited financial statements, 63, 211-51
Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2, 3, 4, 5, 37, 40, 41, 42, 135, 153, 192
Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI), 97
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), 39, 156
Australian Consumers' Association, 46, 110
Australian Council of Social Services, 138, 139, 159
Australian Council of Trade Unions, 52, 128, 159
Australian Government Competitive Neutrality Complaints Office (AGCNCO), 34, 63, 85,
  149-52, 187-8
Australian Industry Group, 128, 139, 159, 160
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, 40, 101, 135
Australian National Audit Office, 51, 62, 64, 101, 212–13
  use of Commission outputs, 101
Australian National Retailers Association, 46, 111
Australian National University, services trade reform project, 40
Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association, 46, 110
Australian Spatial Information Business Association, 111
Australian Workplace Agreements, 65
```

Business Council of Australia, 46, 110, 128, 129, 139, 149, 159, 160 business regulation benchmarking, 25, 26, 29, 31, 38, 49, 108, 113, 115, 118, 119, 120, 169–70, 183–4

Centre of Policy Studies, 37, 41

chemicals and plastics regulation research study, 25, 29, 31, 168–9

child care, 2, 10, 11, 20–3, 110, 132, 137, 195

China Australia Governance Program, 42, 153

COAG (Council of Australian Governments), 1, 25, 29, 32, 46, 49, 52, 94, 100, 108, 109, 110, 120, 129, 130, 131, 132, 137, 140, 158, 168, 169, 174, 175, 184, 185 business regulation benchmarking, 25, 29, 46, 49, 108, 120, 169, 184

national reform agenda, 2, 9, 12, 13, 23, 24, 25, 36, 119, 140, 153, 157, 189, 194 regulation impact analysis requirements, 28, 29, 35, 141, 142, 144, 146, 148

collective agreement, 66, 67, 70

Commissioners, 42, 57–8, 61, 62, 65, 76, 198–200

Commissioners, Associate, 57, 59, 76, 77

Committee for Economic Development Australia, 157

competitive neutrality complaints activities, 26, 34, 43, 53, 62, 85, 91, 94, 95, 96, 149–52, 187–8

compliance index, 88–9

conservation of Australia's historic heritage places inquiry, 48, 53, 120, 130, 171 consumer policy framework inquiry, 25, 26, 29, 30, 114, 165 consumer product safety system research study, 48, 52, 121, 128, 184–5 CSIRO, 110, 182

Defence Housing Australia, competitive neutrality complaint, 187–9

Department of Finance and Administration, 151

Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources, 28, 144, 159, 160

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, 28, 75, 144, 145

Department of the Treasury, 28, 93, 97, 144, 151, 157

Disability Discrimination Act 1992, 81

Disability Discrimination Act inquiry, 19, 129

disability support pension, 9, 10, 15, 18, 195

ecologically sustainable development (ESD), 73–4 economic impacts of migration and population growth research study, 52, 129 economic implications of an ageing Australia research study, *see* ageing research study

economic infrastructure, 32, 94, 108, 130, 166

economic modelling, 48, 52, 83, 99, 113, 119, 120, 160, 176

see also National Reform Agenda, potential benefits research paper

economic performance of Australia, 1, 20

effective marginal tax rates, 15-18

energy efficiency inquiry, *see* private cost effectiveness of improving energy efficiency inquiry

Energy Reform Implementation Group, 39, 46, 52, 110, 129, 140, 155, 156, 157

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, 73

Environment Protection and Heritage Council, 48, 120, 171, 173

environmental sustainability, 36, 154

federal election proposals for the Commission's work program

Coalition Government, 46, 108

Labor Opposition, 46, 108-9

financial and staffing resources summary, 60

Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997, 70, 75, 221, 249

first home ownership inquiry, 50, 51, 52, 97, 128, 130

fraud control certificate, 79

Freedom of Information, 74, 85–7

Freedom of Information Act 1982, 74, 75, 85, 87

gambling inquiry, 43, 50, 51, 52, 96, 121, 128, 130

Global Trade Analysis Project, 41, 72

government-commissioned projects, 25, 26, 61, 91, 93, 94, 95, 96, 113-30, 163-85

government trading enterprises, performance, 29, 32–3, 94, 130, 134–5, 140, 154

Group of Eight (universities), 46, 110

health promotion and disease prevention, 11–13, 190, 197

health workforce research study, 100, 113, 128, 129, 130

heritage inquiry, see conservation of Australia's historic heritage places inquiry

House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, 139

House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics, Finance and Public Administration, 50, 100

House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health and Ageing, 50, 100

Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, 46, 109–110

Indigenous Australians, 32, 52, 111, 113, 132, 133, 135, 195

Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART), 138

data compendium, 31, 133, 136, 138

indicators of disadvantage report, 25, 28, 29, 31, 32, 43, 50, 51, 53, 93, 100, 130, 131, 134, 135, 136, 138–9, 160

local government, 167

international pharmaceutical price differences research study, 129

labour force participation, 1-24, 28, 36, 108, 154, 157, 190, 194, 195

education and training, 13-15, 190

health promotion and disease prevention, 11–13, 190, 197

international comparisons, 7-8, 21, 36, 157, 159, 194

potential gains from increased participation, 9-10

potential policy action, 11–23

work incentives, 15-20, 190

local government revenue raising capacity research study, 25, 29, 31, 59, 115, 167

Master Builders Australia, 46, 111

media coverage of the Commission, 47, 49, 50, 53, 97, 113, 121, 129, 130, 138, 139, 140, 160, 161

medical technology research study, 129

Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, 41, 42, 153, 157

ministerial councils, 33, 36, 135

regulatory impact analysis requirements, 28, 34, 141, 144

Ministerial Council on Consumer Affairs, 29, 48, 121, 148, 184–5

Ministerial Council on Energy, 46, 110

national access regime, 48, 120, 178-9

National Bureau of Economic Research, 41

National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM), 40

National Competition Council, 144

national competition policy reforms inquiry, 52, 129, 130

National Reform Agenda (NRA), 2, 9, 12, 13, 23, 24, 28, 39, 137, 140, 153, 155, 157, 189

potential benefits research paper, 9, 25, 28, 29, 34, 37, 52, 53, 119, 153, 155, 157, 158, 161, 189–90, 197

National Rural Health Alliance, 111

National Water Commission, 49

```
National Water Initiative, 29, 49
national workers' compensation and OHS frameworks inquiry, 49, 50, 100, 121, 128
New Zealand, 165
   own 'productivity commission', 46, 112
   regulation review, 42, 146
non-traditional work research paper,
NSW Business Chamber, 46, 111
Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Act 1991, 69, 75
OECD, 42, 52, 53, 109, 140, 146, 157, 158, 159, 160
   Second World Forum, 25, 52
   comparative child care support, 21–2
   comparative economic performance, 1
   comparative labour force engagement of people with disabilities, 18–19
  comparative labour force participation, 7–8, 21, 194
   comparative literacy and numeracy performance, 13–14
Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR), 25, 28, 33–4, 52, 54, 94, 98, 99, 141–9
Office of Regulation Review (ORR), 25, 33, 98, 141
overcoming Indigenous disadvantage report, 25, 28, 29, 31, 32, 43, 50, 51, 53, 93, 100,
  130, 131, 134, 135, 136, 138–9, 160
parliamentary committees, 36, 40, 50, 52, 63, 94, 101, 102–7, 138, 139, 160, 189
   recommendations involving the Commission, 46, 100
Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission, 101, 109
performance benchmarking of Australian business regulation study, see business regulation
  benchmarking
performance reporting activities, 26, 31–3, 36, 53, 91, 95, 130–40
Potential Benefits of the National Reform Agenda, Commission research paper, 9, 25, 28,
  29, 34, 37, 52, 53, 119, 153, 155, 157, 158, 161, 189–90, 197
price regulation of airport services inquiry, 25, 26, 30, 43, 48, 53, 114, 119, 130, 178–9
Prime Ministerial Task Group on Emissions Trading, 129
   Commission submission, 25, 28, 36, 153, 190–2
   use of submission, 52, 159
private cost effectiveness of improving energy efficiency inquiry, 129
Productive Reform in a Federal System, Commission roundtable proceedings, 160
productivity, 2, 9–10, 11, 14, 24, 26, 30, 49, 91, 120, 140, 166, 175, 178, 192
  research, 25, 35, 36, 41, 42, 52, 94, 109, 154, 157, 159, 160, 161, 190, 196
```

269

```
Productivity Commission
   activities in 2006-07, 25, 26-36, 93-5, 113-17, 131-5, 143-6, 150-1, 153-4, 163-85,
      187-8, 189-204, 205-9
   appointments, 57–8, 59
   collaborative research, 40–1, 192
   competitive neutrality complaints activities, 26, 34, 43, 53, 62, 85, 91, 94, 95, 96,
      149-52, 187-8
   conferences, workshops and roundtables, 37, 38, 39, 72, 95, 117, 118, 119, 155–6
   consultancies let, 71-2, 83-4
     alignment of tender threshold with procurement guidelines, 83
   consultative processes, 36–44, 67–8, 94, 117–8, 135, 156,
   external and internal scrutiny, 63-4
   disability strategy, 70, 80–2
   environmental management system, 74
   feedback on activities, 37, 39, 44–5, 52, 95, 96, 98–100, 118, 134, 136, 146–8, 151,
      152, 156–7
   financial statements, 53, 63, 64, 65, 71, 211–51
   governance arrangements, 60–3
   government-commissioned projects, 25, 26, 61, 91, 93, 94, 95, 96, 113–30, 163–85
     project costs, 116
   government responses to reports, 47–9, 96, 119–21, 122–7, 173, 175, 177–6, 179, 182,
      184, 184–5
   legal services, 72
   management of human resources, 64-70
  occupational health and safety, 68–70
  organisation chart, 58
   outcome objective, 26, 47, 59, 91, 93
   performance management and pay, 66–7
   performance reporting activities, 26, 31–3, 36, 53, 91, 95, 130–40
   program performance, 44–53, 91–61
   program performance indicators, 95
   publications, 27–8, 131, 145, 155, 205–9
   quality assurance processes, 36, 37–9, 118–9, 135, 146–8, 151, 155–7
  regulation review activities, 25, 26, 33–4, 35, 42, 52, 62, 91, 94, 95, 141–9
     see also Office of Best Practice Regulation
  role, 57
  service charters, 63
```

```
speeches and presentations, 25, 36, 52, 53, 129, 154, 160, 198–202, 203–4, 207–8, 209
  staffing statistics, 59, 76–8
  supporting research and statutory annual reporting, 25, 26, 35–6, 52, 91, 94, 95, 96,
     152-61, 189-204
  training, 68
  visiting officials, 36, 53, 146, 203–4
  visiting researchers, 39
  website, 39, 40, 43–4, 45, 58, 64, 66, 72, 74, 86, 87, 117, 118, 129–30, 130, 140, 144,
     145, 149, 152, 153, 154, 157, 159, 161, 165
  workplace diversity, 70
Productivity Commission Act 1998, 57, 73, 75, 83, 112
Public Service Act 1999, 57
Queensland Council of Social Service, 138
Real Estate Institute of Australia, competitive neutrality complaint, 187–8
references to Commission work
  in Federal Parliament, 50, 51, 109, 128, 139, 157
  in House of Representatives and Senate committee reports, 50, 63, 100–1, 102–5, 138,
     160, see also parliamentary committees
  in Parliamentary Library reports, 51, 101, 106–7, 160
  in State and Territory parliaments, 51, 128, 139
  in the media, see media coverage of the Commission
regulatory impact analysis/regulation impact statements, 25, 28, 33–4, 94, 95, 96, 141, 143,
  144, 146, 147, 148,
  compliance with government requirements, 35, 54, 144
regulation review activities, 25, 26, 33–4, 35, 42, 52, 62, 91, 94, 95, 141–9
  feedback survey, 45, 99, 146-8
Regulation Taskforce, see Taskforce on Reducing Regulatory Burdens on Business
Regulatory Institutions Network, 42
Report on Government Services, 31, 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 98, 99, 100, 101, 132–4, 136–8
  survey of users and contributors, 45, 99, 136
Review of Government Service Provision, 42, 43, 96, 131–4, 135
retail tenancy leases inquiry, 25, 26, 30, 114, 167–8
road and rail freight infrastructure pricing inquiry, 25, 26, 29, 30, 43, 49, 114, 117, 118,
  119, 120, 129, 130, 158, 174–5
roundtable on behavioural economics and public policy, 39
```

rural water use and the environment research study, 28, 29, 30, 49, 73, 115, 119, 129, 130

safeguard inquiry on pigmeat imports, 25, 31, 170-1

science and innovation research study, 25, 30, 37, 43, 50, 53, 100, 113, 115, 118, 128, 129, 130, 181–2

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs, 50

Senate Standing Committee on Economics, 50, 53, 63

Senate Standing Committee on Employment, Workplace Relations and Education, 50

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration, 109

Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, 100

service charters, 63

service provision, see Review of Government Service Provision

Snape, Professor Richard (former Deputy Chairman), 72, 154

2006 Richard Snape Lecture, 153, 154

standard setting and laboratory accreditation research study, 30, 115, 180-1

Statement of Expectations for the Commission, 47, 108

Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision, 31, 32, 45, 61, 85, 87, 93, 96, 99, 101, 130, 135, 137

Steering Committee on National Performance Monitoring of Government Trading Enterprises, 94, 130

supporting research and statutory reporting activities, 25, 26, 35–6, 52, 91, 94, 95, 96, 152–61, 189–204

Taskforce on Reducing Regulatory Burdens on Business, 28, 33, 58, 145, 148
Tasmanian freight subsidy arrangements inquiry, 30, 48, 114, 117, 119, 120, 130, 176–8
Trade Practices Act, 46, 48, 111, 120, 179, 184

Visa International, 111

waste management inquiry, 25, 28, 30, 43, 48, 73, 114, 117, 120, 130, 172–3

water research, 41, 108, 153, 154, 192-4

wheat marketing arrangements, 50, 97, 112

World Trade Organization (WTO), 46, 52, 53, 111–12, 140, 149, 160, 170

workers' compensation inquiry, *see* national workers' compensation and OHS frameworks inquiry

workforce participation, see labour force participation

Workplace Relations Act 1996, 66