

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

The committee met on Monday, 13 February 2012 from 9.00 am to 11.00 pm.

The committee called the:

- the Department and agencies of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio, including the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES), Wheat Exports Australia and the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA).

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- the quality and accuracy of answers to questions taken on notice from previous estimates hearings
- administration of the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement Industry Development Program, including the findings of the Ernst & Young evaluation of the program
- the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's handling of the discovery of illegal imports of foodstuffs from Korea and the potential risk of foot and mouth disease.