

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

The committee met on Monday, 15 October 2012 from 9.00 am to 11.00 pm.

The committee called the:

- department and agencies of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio, including the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences and the Australian Fisheries Management Authority.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- certain import risk analyses
- maximum residue limits for chemicals used in food products
- gender ratios in board memberships
- an independent root and branch review of the *Fisheries Act 1991*
- animal welfare concerns in relation to a sheep shipment to Pakistan
- the Caring for Our Country program
- the Carbon Farming Initiative.