

## **Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee**

The committee met on Tuesday, 16 October 2012 from 9.00 am to 11.00 pm.

The committee called the:

- department and agencies of the Infrastructure and Transport portfolio, including Infrastructure Australia, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, the Office of Transport Security, Airservices Australia, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau
- department and agencies of the Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport portfolio, including the Office for the Arts, the Australia Council, the National Film and Sound Archive, the National Gallery of Australia, the National Library of Australia, the National Museum of Australia, Screen Australia, the Office for Sport and the Australia Sports Commission.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- the late return of answers to questions on notice
- the protocol for non-government politicians contacting public servants directly
- the establishment of the National Transport Regulator
- Aviation Security Identification Cards
- voluntary redundancies within the Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport
- the Regional Development Australia Fund
- the drought recovery program
- Financial Assistance Grants
- film location tax offsets for the film, *Wolverine*.