

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

The committee met on Wednesday, 29 May 2013 from 9.00 am to 10.25 pm.

The committee called:

- the department and agencies of the Infrastructure and Transport portfolio, including Nation Building-Infrastructure Australia, the Australian Rail Track Corporation, the Office of the Inspector of Transport Security, the Office of Transport Security, Airservices Australia, the Civil Aviation and Safety Authority (CASA), the Australian Transport Safety Bureau and the Australia Maritime Safety Authority.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- road upgrades, including the Bruce Highway, the New England Highway, the Huon Highway, the Swan Valley bypass, Yeppen Crossing and the Pacific Highway
- funding for public transport
- the Gawler line electrification project
- the Botany Bay line upgrade
- security provisions for offshore oil and gas providers
- the use of full body scanners at airports
- the Brisbane Airport and Gold Coast airports
- the Adelaide Airport Noise Amelioration Program regarding noise insulation of the St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
- the National Airports Safeguarding Framework
- R44 Robinson helicopters, including risk and operation
- the creation of CASA's surveillance manual
- the use of mobile devices on aircraft
- CASA's capacity to regulate unmanned aerial vehicles
- allegations of bullying by CASA
- new flight time regulations and the management of fatigue in pilots and air traffic controllers
- the use and operation of fixed wing aircraft by the New South Wales Rural Fire Service
- the investigation into the ditching of the Pel Air aircraft, including the retrieval of the cockpit voice recorder
- the regulation of internationally flagged vessels
- the review of regulations in relation to livestock exportation vessels
- the review of the National Plan for Maritime Environmental Emergencies
- the introduction of mandatory carbon dioxide standards for vehicles
- the allocation of funding for the Keys for Drive Program

- the Council of Australian Governments' Reform Council's capital cities planning report.