

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

The committee met on Monday, 24 February 2014 from 9.00 am to 7.27 pm.

The committee called the:

- department and agencies of the Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio, including Infrastructure Australia, the Australian Rail Track Corporation, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority, the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, Airservices Australia, the Office of Transport Security, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority and the National Capital Authority.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- the funding of infrastructure projects including the Bruce, Tonkin and Pacific Highways
- funding arrangements for the National Network road corridors
- the Urban Transport Strategy and the cost of congestion in major cities
- reform of Infrastructure Australia
- the National Port Strategy and the National Land Freight Strategy
- the Inland Rail Project
- the methodology and analysis in the report on coal dust coming from trains in the Hunter region in New South Wales
- flight training levels and training budget numbers
- the Pel-Air crash and the role of the Transport Safety Board of Canada in the investigation and report
- a proposed second airport for Sydney
- the recruitment process for the Executive General Manager of Airservices Australia, including the additional costs incurred by the agency in the event the position is not based in Canberra
- the Boer War Memorial
- the National Capital Open Space report
- proposed amendments to the National Capital Plan
- the number of distress calls and incidents at sea
- the number of on board incidents since the commencement of Operation Sovereign Borders
- the upgrade of roads in Central Arnhem Land
- high speed rail
- the Urban Policy Forum
- the average age of fuel tankers in Australia
- the efficacy of retro-fitting electronic stability control in aging fuel tankers.