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Additional estimates 2025–26

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Monday 9 February and Tuesday 10 February 2026

Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



Hearing location

Committee Room 2R1,
Parliament House, Canberra
Waiting room: Committee
Room 2R2
Waiting overflow room:
Committee Room 1S3



Committee members

Senator Glenn Sterle, Chair
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Deputy Chair
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck
Senator Josh Dolega
Senator Corinne Mulholland
Senator Peter Wish-Wilson



Broadcasts of proceedings

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Ministers attending

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Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy

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Due dates for questions on notice (QoNs)

20 February 2026: Senators' written QoNs
10 April 2026: answers to QoNs

Committee rooms

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Monday 9 February 2026

Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts portfolio, excluding Communications, Sport and the Arts

9.00am	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts Corporate matters
10.00am	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts Outcome 1 – Improved infrastructure across Australia through investment in and coordination of transport and other infrastructure Program 1.1 – Infrastructure Investment
11.00am	Break
11.15am	Outcome 1 (continued)
12.00pm	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts Outcome 2 – An efficient, sustainable, competitive, safe and secure transport system for all transport users through regulation, financial assistance and safety investigations Program 2.1 – Surface Transport Program 2.2 – Road Safety Program 2.3 – Air Transport
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Outcome 2 (continued)
3.00pm	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts Outcome 3 – Strengthening the sustainability, capacity and diversity of Australia's urban and regional areas including northern Australia, including through facilitating local partnerships between all levels of government and local communities; through investment in infrastructure and measures that stimulate economic growth; and providing grants and financial assistance Program 3.1 – Regional Development Program 3.2 – Local Government Program 3.3 – Urban Development

	Program 3.4 – Growing a Stronger Northern Australia Economy
4.30pm	Break
4.45pm	Outcome 3 (continued)
5.45pm	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts</p> <p>Outcome 4 – Good governance and service delivery in the Australian territories including through the maintenance and improvement of the laws and services for non-self-governing territories, and the overarching legislative framework for self-governing territories</p> <p>Program 4.1 – Services to Territories</p>
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	Airservices Australia
8.15pm	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
8.35pm	Western Sydney Airport Corporation
8.50pm	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
9.00pm	Break
9.15pm	Infrastructure Australia
9.30pm	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility
9.40pm	Australian Rail Track Corporation Inland Rail
10.00pm	High Speed Rail Authority
10.15pm	National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
10.30pm	National Transport Commission
10.40pm	National Intermodal Corporation
10.50pm	National Capital Authority
11.00pm	Adjournment

Tuesday 10 February 2026

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio

9.00am	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Corporate matters
10.00am	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Outcome 1 – More sustainable, productive, internationally competitive and profitable Australian agricultural, food and fibre industries through policies and initiatives that promote better resource management practices, innovation, self-reliance and improved access to international markets
11.00am	Break
11.15am	Outcome 1 (continued)
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Outcome 1 (continued)
3.45pm	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Outcome 2 – Safeguard Australia's animal and plant health status to maintain overseas markets and protect the economy and environment from the impact of exotic pests and diseases, through risk assessment, inspection and certification, and the implementation of emergency response arrangements for Australian agricultural, food and fibre industries
4.15pm	Break
4.30pm	Outcome 2 (continued)
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	Australian Fisheries Management Authority
8.10pm	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
8.30pm	Australian Wool Innovation (via videoconference)
8.40pm	Australian Livestock Export Corporation (LiveCorp)
8.55pm	Meat and Livestock Australia

9.05pm	Dairy Australia
9.15pm	Break
9.30pm	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority
10.10pm	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (AgriFutures Australia)
10.20pm	Grains Research and Development Corporation
10.30pm	Regional Investment Corporation
10.40pm	Inspector-General of Biosecurity
11.00pm	Adjournment