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## HEARING PROGRAM

### Budget Estimates 2024–25

### Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Tuesday, 28 May – Friday, 31 May 2024

**Committee Room 2R1**, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



#### Hearing location

Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House,  
Canberra  
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Senator Glenn Sterle, Chair  
Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Deputy Chair  
Senator Jess Walsh  
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson  
Senator Raff Ciccone  
Senator Gerard Rennick

#### Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Carol Brown  
Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm  
Senator the Hon Murray Watt

#### Secretariat

Tas Larnach, Committee Secretary  
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## Tuesday, 28 May

Please note that due to the ACT public holiday on Monday 27 May, Budget Estimates hearings will commence on Tuesday 28 May

### Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, excluding Communications and the Arts

9.00am	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</p> <p>Corporate Matters</p>
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</p> <p><b>Outcome 1: Improved infrastructure across Australia through investment in and coordination of transport and other infrastructure</b> Program 1.1 - Infrastructure Investment</p>
1.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm	<b>Outcome 1 continued.</b>
3.00pm	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</p> <p><b>Outcome 2: An efficient, sustainable, competitive, safe and secure transport system for all transport users through regulation, financial assistance and safety investigations</b> Program 2.1 - Surface transport Program 2.2 - Road Safety Program 2.3 - Air Transport</p>
4.00pm	Afternoon tea
4.15pm	<b>Outcome 2 continued.</b>
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	<p>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</p> <p><b>Outcome 3: Strengthening the sustainability, capacity and diversity of Australia's cities and regions including northern Australia, 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</b> Program 3.1 - Regional Development Program Program 3.2 - Local Government Program 3.3 - Cities Program 3.4 - Growing a Stronger Northern Australian Economy</p>
9.30pm	Tea break

<p><b>9.45pm</b></p>	<p><b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts</b></p> <p><b>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 the self-governing territories</b></p> <p>Program 4.1 - Services to Territories</p>
<p><b>11.00pm</b></p>	<p>Adjournment</p>

## Wednesday, 29 May

### Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, excluding Communications and the Arts

<b>9.00am</b>	Airservices Australia
<b>11.00am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.15am</b>	Infrastructure Australia
<b>12.30pm</b>	High Speed Rail Authority
<b>1.15pm</b>	Lunch
<b>2.15pm</b>	Australian Rail Track Corporation Inland Rail Pty Ltd
<b>4.00pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4.15pm</b>	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
<b>5.15pm</b>	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
<b>6.00pm</b>	Australian Transport Safety Bureau
<b>6.30pm</b>	Dinner
<b>7.15pm</b>	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility
<b>8.15pm</b>	Western Sydney Airport Corporation
<b>9.00pm</b>	Evening break

<b>9.15pm</b>	Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator
<b>10.00pm</b>	National Transport Commission
<b>10.30pm</b>	National Intermodal Corporation Pty Ltd
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

## Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

9.00am	<p>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</p> <p>Corporate matters</p>
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	Corporate matters continued
12.30pm	<p>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</p> <p><b>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</b></p>
1.30pm	Lunch
2.30pm	Outcome 1 continued
4.15pm	Afternoon tea
4.30pm	Outcome 1 continued
5.45pm	<p>Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry</p> <p><b>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 Australia agricultural, food and fibre industries</b></p> <p>Program 2.1 - Biosecurity and Export Services Program 2.2 - Plant and Animal Health</p>
6.30pm	Dinner Break
7.30pm	Outcome 2 continued
9.30pm	Tea break
9.45pm	Outcome 2 continued
11.00pm	Adjournment

Friday, 31 May

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## Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

<b>9.00am</b>	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority
<b>10.45am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.00am</b>	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
<b>12.10pm</b>	Australian Fisheries Management Authority
<b>1.10pm</b>	Lunch
<b>2.10pm</b>	Animal Health Australia
<b>2.50pm</b>	Plant Health Australia
<b>3.30pm</b>	Rural Research and Development Corporation (AgriFutures)
<b>4.10pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4.25pm</b>	The Australian Live Export Corporation (LiveCorp)
<b>5.00pm</b>	Inspector-General for Biosecurity
<b>5.30pm</b>	Adjournment