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Budget Estimates 2025–26

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Thursday 27 March, Monday 31 March and Tuesday 1 April 2025*

Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

*Dates for the 2025-26 Budget estimates hearings are pursuant to the resolution of the Senate of 25 March 2025.

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 the Hon Carol Brown
Senator Raff Ciccone
Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson

Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm
Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister

Secretariat

Tas Larnach, Committee Secretary
Will Peden, Estimates Officer



Questions on notice

Questions from Senators due: 16 April 2025
Answers due from Departments: 29 May 2025

Thursday, 27 March 2025

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

9.00am	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Corporate Matters
9.45am	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications 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	Morning tea
11.15am	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications 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
1.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts 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 Program 3.3 - Cities Program 3.1 - Regional Development Program Program 3.2 - Local Government Program 3.4 - Growing a Stronger Northern Australian Economy
4.00pm	Afternoon tea

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

4.15pm	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Corporate matters
5.15pm	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
7.15pm	Dinner
8.15pm	Outcome 1 continued
9.15pm	Evening tea
9.30pm	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (continued) 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
11.00pm	Adjournment

Monday, 31 March 2025 (CANCELLED*)

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

9.00am	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Corporate Matters
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4.00pm	Afternoon tea

	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts
4.15pm	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 Program 4.1 - Services to Territories
5.15pm	Airservices Australia
6.00pm	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	Infrastructure Australia
7.45pm	Australian Rail Track Corporation & Inland Rail
8.00pm	High Speed Rail Authority
8.15pm	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility
9.15pm	Evening tea
9.30pm	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
9.45pm	National Capital Authority
10.00pm	National Intermodal Corporation
10.15pm	Australian Transport Safety Bureau
10.30pm	National Transport Commission
10.45pm	Western Sydney Airport Corporation
11.00pm	Adjournment

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Tuesday, 1 April 2025 (CANCELLED*)

Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

9.00am	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Corporate matters
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	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
1.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm	Outcome 1 continued
4.00pm	Afternoon tea
4.15pm	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (continued) 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
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority
8.00pm	Regional Investment Corporation
8.30pm	The Australian Livestock Export Corporation (LiveCorp)
9.00pm	Inspector-General of Animal Welfare and Live Animal Exports
9.15pm	Evening tea

9.30pm	Wine Australia
10.00pm	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (AgriFutures)
10.15pm	Australian Fisheries Management Authority
10.30pm	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
10.40pm	Inspector-General of Biosecurity
10.50pm	Meat and Livestock Australia
11.00pm	Adjournment

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