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Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Tuesday 7 October and Wednesday 8 October 2025

Committee Room 2R1

Parliament House
Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



Hearing location

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Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck
Senator Josh Dolega
Senator Corinne Mulholland
Senator Peter Whish-Wilson

Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Anthony Chisholm
Senator the Hon Nita Green
Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy

Secretariat

Patrick Hodder, Committee Secretary
Will Peden, Estimates Officer



Questions on notice

Questions from Senators due: 16 October 2025
Answers due from Departments: 28 November 2025

Tuesday, 7 October 2025

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

9.00am	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts Corporate Matters
9.45am	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
10.45am	Morning tea
11.00am	Outcome 1 continued.
11.30am	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
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Outcome 2 continued.
2.15pm	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 Australian Economy
3.45pm	Afternoon tea
4.00pm	Outcome 3 continued.

5.30pm	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts 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
6.00pm	Dinner
7.00pm	Airservices Australia
7.45pm	Civil Aviation Safety Authority
8.15pm	Infrastructure Australia
8.45pm	Tea break
9.00pm	Australian Rail Track Corporation & Inland Rail
9.20pm	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility
9.40pm	High Speed Rail Authority
9.50pm	Australian Transport Safety Bureau
10.00pm	National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
10.10pm	Australian Maritime Safety Authority
10.20pm	National Transport Commission
10.30pm	National Intermodal Corporation
10.40pm	Western Sydney Airport Corporation
10.50pm	National Capital Authority
11.00pm	Adjournment

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Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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.
10.45am	Morning tea
11.00am	Outcome 1 continued
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Outcome 1 continued
3.45pm	Afternoon tea
4.00pm	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.
5.00pm	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority
5.30pm	Australian Livestock Export Corporation (LiveCorp)
6.00pm	Dinner break
7.00pm	Inspector General of Biosecurity
7.25pm	Meat and Livestock Australia

7.55pm	Australian Fisheries Management Authority
8.20pm	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
8.45pm	Tea break
9.00pm	Australian Meat Processor Corporation
9.25pm	Grains Research and Development Corporation
9.50pm	Agricultural Innovation Australia
10.15pm	Regional Investment Corporation
10.40pm	Sugar Research Australia
11.00pm	Adjournment