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## HEARING PROGRAM

### 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



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Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Deputy Chair  
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

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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 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 3.1 - Regional Development Program Program 3.2 - Local Government Program 3.3 - Cities <sup>1</sup> Program 3.4 - Growing a Stronger Northern Australian Economy

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<sup>1</sup> PLEASE NOTE: Administrative Arrangements Order - 13 May 2025 transfers housing, rental and homelessness policy from the Social Services portfolio, land and planning policy and cities and urban policy from the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts (ITRDCA) portfolio, and construction industry policy and regulation from the Industry, Science and Resources portfolio to the Treasury portfolio

<b>3.45pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Outcome 3 continued.</b>
<b>5.30pm</b>	<p><b>Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport 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>
<b>6.00pm</b>	Dinner
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Airservices Australia</b>
<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>Civil Aviation Safety Authority</b>
<b>8.15pm</b>	<b>Infrastructure Australia</b>
<b>8.45pm</b>	Tea break
<b>9.00pm</b>	<b>Australian Rail Track Corporation &amp; Inland Rail</b>
<b>9.20pm</b>	<b>Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility</b>
<b>9.40pm</b>	<b>High Speed Rail Authority</b>
<b>9.50pm</b>	<b>Australian Transport Safety Bureau</b>
<b>10.00pm</b>	<b>National Heavy Vehicle Regulator</b>
<b>10.10pm</b>	<b>Australian Maritime Safety Authority</b>
<b>10.20pm</b>	<b>National Transport Commission</b>
<b>10.30pm</b>	<b>National Intermodal Corporation</b>
<b>10.40pm</b>	<b>Western Sydney Airport Corporation</b>
<b>10.50pm</b>	<b>National Capital Authority</b>
<b>11.00pm</b>	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 <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>
10.45am	Morning tea
11.00am	<b>Outcome 1 continued</b>
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	<b>Outcome 1 continued</b>
3.45pm	Afternoon tea
4.00pm	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry <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 Australian agricultural, food and fibre industries</b>
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

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