



Senate Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport Legislation Committee  
Budget Estimates 2024–25  
Tuesday, 28 May 2024  
Daily summary

The committee met from 9:00am until 10:59pm.

The committee called the following departments and agencies:

- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

The committee released Outcome 4 from the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts:  
Corporate matters:

- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Handbook on answering of questions on notice from Budget estimates;
- Arrangements for the current and appointment of the next Airservices Chief Executive Officer;
- Appointment of members to Infrastructure Australia advisory council;
- Infrastructure Investment;
- Departmental staffing and resources;
- Departmental budget; and
- Net Zero Roadmap.

Outcome 1:

- Update on Inland Rail (including discussion about the Schott Report);
- Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program;
- Infrastructure Project Updates and Funding;
- Queensland infrastructure projects update;
  - Indooroopilly Roundabout upgrade;
  - Queensland inland freight route;
  - Linkfield Road Overpass Upgrade; and
  - Queensland Beef Corridors.
- Victorian Infrastructure Updates
  - Regional Rail Revival;
  - Melbourne Airport Rail Line;
  - Armstrong Creek Transit Corridor; and
  - Geelong Ring Road Extension (Bellarine Link).
- Western Australia infrastructure program updates
  - Western Australia's METRONET program;

- Great Northern Highway;
- West Port;
- Garden Island Highway; and
- Mitchell Freeway.
- Tasmania infrastructure program updates
  - Bass Highway.
- ACT infrastructure Program updates
  - Canberra Light Rail Stage 2; and
  - Bruce Precinct Masterplan.
- New South Wales infrastructure program updates
  - Western Sydney Airport.

#### Outcome 2

- Aircraft Noise Complaints;
- Electric Vehicle safety standards;
- Logging Transport;
- Maritime Strategic Fleet;
- Melbourne Airport Masterplan;
- Moorabbin Airport Masterplan;
- Sydney Airport Slot Allocation;
- Tasmanian Freight Equalization Scheme; and
- Vehicle Fuel Efficiency Standards.

#### Outcome 3:

- Urban redevelopment of Macquarie Point;
- Launceston City Deal;
- Northern Australia infrastructure;
- Growing Regions Program investment;
- Investing in Our Communities Program investment;
- Cradle Mountain Cableway Project; and
- Middle Arm Precinct update.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Wednesday, 29 May in Committee Room 2R1, for the examination of the Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, excluding Communications and the Arts.