



Senate Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2024-25
Wednesday, 29 May 2024
Daily Summary

The committee met from 9:00am until 9:50pm.

The committee released the National Intermodal Corporation and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

The committee called the following departments and agencies:

Airservices Australia

- Occupancy and selection of the Chief Executive Officer role;
- Traffic Information Broadcast by Aircraft (TIBA) procedures;
- Aircraft noise complaints;
- Environmental impacts of flight paths;
- Brisbane Airservices Australia engagement processes;
- Increase in service fees from airlines;
- Community engagement on flight paths; and
- Freedom of information request for Airservices Australia travel costs.

Infrastructure Australia

- Emissions Calculations;
- Infrastructure Australia Assessment Framework;
- Progress on Iron Boomerang;
- Research and Investment;
- Western Australia Metronet;
- Sydney to Canberra faster rail proposal;
- Suburban Rail Loop;
- Melbourne Airport Rail Link;
- Annual Budget and Performance Statements 2023–24; and
- Middle Arm Sustainable Precinct.

High-Speed Rail Authority

- Corridor protections;
- Staffing breakdown, executive hiring, and office locations; and
- High-Speed rail Strategic plan.

Australian Rail Track Corporation and Inland Rail Pty Ltd

- Inland Rail project stage updates;
- Inland Rail funding;
- Inland Rail impact on Cultural Heritage Sites;
- Australian Rail Track Corporation East West Corridor closures; and
- Australian Rail Track Corporation Board changes.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority

- Civil Aviation Safety Authority Board Changes;
- Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer training;
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority health advice, including on Myocarditis and COVID vaccines;
- Pilot fatigue; and
- Fee Help for CASA-regulated training.

Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility

- Agency financials;
- A Statutory Review on the operation of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Act;
- Responses to Questions on Notice from Additional Estimates;
- Engagements with the Minister and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts;
- Northern Australia infrastructure pipeline;
- Critical Minerals Strategy 2023-2030;
- Environmental Social Governance of the agency; and
- Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility project updates.

Australian Transport Safety Bureau

- Agency budget and staffing; and
- Aerodrome design standards.

Western Sydney Airport

- Elizabeth Drive;
- Cargo precinct tenants and potential airline operations; and
- Opening schedule of Western Sydney Airport.

Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator

- Cost recovery proposal;
- Train lighting standards; and
- Engagement processes.

National transport Commission

- Board vacancies; and
- Australian Light Vehicle Standards.

That concludes the Committee's examination of the Department and agencies of the Infrastructure portfolio, the committee will continue Thursday, 30 May 2024 at 9:00am to examine the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.