



Senate Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport Legislation Committee
Supplementary Estimates 2022-23
Monday, 13 February 2023
Daily summary

The committee met from 9:00am until 11:00pm.

The committee called:

- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts; and
- National Capital Authority
- Administrator of the Norfolk Island Regional Council
- Infrastructure Australia
- Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility
- Australian Rail Track Corporation
- National Faster Rail Authority
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority
- Airservices Australia
- Australian Transport Safety Bureau
- Western Sydney Airport
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority

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

- Structural changes within the department
- De-carbonisation in transport sector - consultation with the DCCEEW
- Net Zero Unit
- The Safeguard Mechanism
- Process of board appointments
- 2032 Olympics - Negotiations with QLD Gov regarding funding package
- GABBA stadium project
- Ministers' involvement with Olympic venues and negotiations process
- Major projects to support the Olympic games - transport and connectivity projects
- Treatment of recycling plastics in major infrastructure investments
- Mornington roundabout - election commitments, consultations with Tas government and completion timeline
- Epping Bridge upgrades - Delivery schedule and completion timeline
- Expert panel for Western Sydney infrastructure investment
- Rocky Ring Road: Works commenced, contractor negotiations, funding profile and completion timeline
- Hahndorf bypass project
- Cost of potholes - Federal support for local roads and road upgrades
- Northern Australia Roads Program - Funding allocations by program
- Inland Rail - Review into Inland rail update
- Rockhampton Airport Radar
- Brisbane Airport noise pollution and community complaints
- Establishment of the Jet Zero council
- Heavy Vehicle usage charge
- Maritime Strategic Fleet Taskforce report
- Productivity Commission report on container ports

- Middle Arm Sustainability Precinct
- Iron Boomerang proposal - consultations with Department
- Hobart City Deal
- Cradle Mountain Cableway
- Barkly Regional Deal – Program update and consultations with NT government
- Mossman Sugar Mill
- Office of Northern Australia – Staffing location
- Beetaloo to Katherine Corridors of Growth
- Northern Australia Road Program
- Indian Ocean Territories

National Capital Authority:

- Light Rail project
- Consultations with ACT Government
- Cycling path upgrades capacity on new light-rail bridge
- Chief Executive re-appointment

Administrator of the NIRC:

- Overview of Norfolk Island financial position
- Suspension and dismissal of the council
- Consultancy costs
- Staffing arrangements
- Administrator appointment and salary
- Community consultations and public forum

Infrastructure Australia:

- Sun Cable project
- Recycled materials
- Interim chair appointment and meeting with Minister
- Consultation and projects associated with Olympic games
- Location of interim board locations

Northern Australian Infrastructure Facility:

- Rewiring the Nation
- Kidston project
- Kimberley cotton gin loan details

Australian Rail Track Corporation:

- Update to board arrangements - change in personnel, new chair
- Board appointment selection process
- Consultation with minister and department
- Track recovery options following flooding
- Track network vulnerabilities
- Dr Kerry Schott inland rail review – consultation process with ARTC

National Faster Rail Agency:

- Board appointments

Civil Aviation Safety Authority:

- Health screening and health requirements for flight crew
- Board members - New appointments,
- Airlines parts and repairs
- Covid vaccination mandates for airlines and CASA's involvement

- Cardiac risk modelling
- Medical clearances
- General aviation regulations and workplan
- Weather balloon flight safety risks

Airservices Australia:

- Brisbane flight paths – complaints referred to the police
- Increased over-water flight paths
- Updated advise for civil aviation in Australian airspace
- Consultations with Department of Defence
- Permanent Brisbane airport noise forum
- Consultations with community forums
- Board members – quorum, and vacancies and re-appointments
- Rockhampton Airport radar

Australian Transport Safety Bureau:

- Responsibilities regarding serious aviation incidents and accidents
- Investigation priority list

Western Sydney Airport:

- Update on project – Completion timeline and budget
- Major milestones to be completed in 2023

Australian Maritime Safety Authority:

- New measures to reduce emissions for shipping

Adjournment at 11:00pm.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Tuesday, 14 February in Committee Room 2R1, for examination of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.