



Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates 2019-20
Monday, 2 March 2020
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.05am until 11.07pm

The committee called:

- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications: Corporate Services, Regional Development and Local Government Division, Infrastructure Investment Division, Cities Division, Western Sydney Unit, Inland Rail, and Australian Rail Track Corporation.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- costs and benefits of the recent machinery of government changes;
- department's response to the recent bushfires;
- funding of various regional development grants programs;
- eligibility requirements for grants programs;
- programs undertaken under the Urban Congestion Fund;
- Melbourne Airport Rail Line;
- progress of various road and highway projects;
- withdrawal of Blacktown Council from the Western Sydney City Deal; and
- recent train derailments at Barnawartha and Wallan.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Tuesday, 3 March 2020 in Committee Room 2R1.