



Senate Rural & Regional Affairs & Transport Legislation Committee  
RRAT Legislation Committee  
Additional Estimates 2023-24  
Monday, 12 February 2024  
Daily Summary

The committee met from 9:01am until 11.00pm.

The committee called the following departments and agencies:

- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts.
- Airservices Australia
- Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility
- Infrastructure Australia
- Australian Rail Track Corporation
- Inland Rail Pty Ltd
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority
- Western Sydney Airport
- Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority
- Australian Transport Safety Bureau
- High-Speed Rail Authority

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

The committee did not ask questions of the National Transport Commission.

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

Corporate matters:

- Public interest immunity claim;
  - ACIL Allen Consulting contract and NVES modelling;
- Graduate and intern program and workplace culture training;
- Net zero unit and transport decarbonization;
- APS capability review;
- Flexible and hybrid working arrangements;
- Fuel efficiency standard;
- Corporate domestic and international travel;
- Qantas Chairman's lounge membership; and
- Training and programs facilitated by unions.

Outcome 1:

- Rockhampton Ring Road;
- Local tendering processes for construction;
- Corridor and construction funding movement by state;
- Northern Australia Beef Roads program;
- Western Australia - main roads and bridge upgrades;
- AUKUS infrastructure;
- Outback Way upgrades;
- Mornington Peninsula roundabout;
- Brisbane 2032 Olympics – Gabba redevelopment and Brisbane Arena;
  - East Brisbane School;
  - QLD Police offices;
- Australian Institute of Sport future location;
- Inland Rail sections completed and expansion plans;
- Gold Coast rail upgrade;
- Melbourne Suburban Rail Loop project;
- Bridges renewal program; and
- Roads to recovery - survey of LGA's.

#### Airservices Australia:

- Sydney Airport ground delay;
- Harris Review;
- Training, hiring, safety, and voluntary redundancies of air traffic controllers;
- Work culture;
- Safety of airspace management;
- Executive remuneration;
- Airservices board and reappointments;
- Airport management modes;
- Leaded fuel use in planes Brisbane Archerfield;
- Brisbane Airport second runway;
- Updated data re Brisbane Airport 2<sup>nd</sup> Runway;
- Community consultation;
- Runway noise;
- Dissent trial; and
- Hobart airport noise consultation retrial.

#### Outcome 2

- Vehicle fuel efficiency standards;
- Tasmanian Freight equalization scheme;
- Review of Sydney Airport Demand Management Scheme;
- Slot management and compliance committee; and
- Aviation white paper.

#### Outcome 3:

- Thriving Suburbs program;
- Building Better Regions program;
- Regional Projects and Partnerships program;
- Cairns' water security;
- White Paper refresh on Developing Northern Australia;
- Accord review;
- Northern Australia Ministerial Forum;

- Middle Arm precinct;
- Cairns Marine Precinct;
- Pilbara ports upgrade; and
- Office of Northern Australia staffing and financials.

#### Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility

- Social infrastructure in Northern Australia;
- Correspondence with financial institutions for housing projects;
- James Cook University accommodation;
- Critical minerals project; and
- Board membership.

#### Infrastructure Australia

- Coomera connector stage 2;
- Suburban Rail Loop Audit;
- Quarry shortages; and
- New functions and implementation.

#### Australian Rail Track Corporation and Inland Rail

- Correspondence with High-Speed Rail Authority;
- Inland rail land acquisition;
- Completion timeline; and
- Murray Basin rail line project.

#### Civil Aviation Safety Authority

- Colour-vision deficiency (CAD);
- Chairman's lounge executive memberships;
- Chronic anxiety for air safety; and
- Air traffic control safety.

#### Western Sydney Airport

- Road infrastructure supporting the airport.

#### Australian Maritime Safety Authority

- Tender for Navigation aids.

#### Australian Transport Safety Bureau

- Train fatalities.

#### Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator

- Train fatalities.

#### High Speed Rail Authority

- Statement of expectations strategic plan.

Adjournment: 11.00pm

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Tuesday, 13 February in Committee Room 2R1, for examination of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio.