



Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee  
Budget Estimates 2020-21  
Tuesday, 20 October 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 9.00am until 10.37pm.

The committee called:

- Regional Development, Local Government and COVID Regional Recovery Division; Air Services Australia; and Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- support for the tourism industry during COVID;
- decentralisation and relocation of government agencies;
- application of the Building Better Regions Fund;
- progression of various City Deals;
- establishment of the North Queensland Water Infrastructure Authority;
- fuel excise regulations in CASA;
- support for regional airlines and airports;
- impact of COVID-19 on the operation of Airservices Australia;
- implementation of the Broderick Review by Airservices Australia;
- road safety funding and the National Road Safety Strategy; and
- shipping crew exchanges and managing stranded seafarers.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Wednesday, 21 October 2020 in Committee Room 2R1.