



Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2020-21
Thursday, 22 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 5.55pm.

The Committee called:

- Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES); Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (Agrifutures); Grains Research and Development Corporation; Cotton Research and Development Corporation; Animal Health Australia; Dairy Australia; Fisheries Research and Development Corporation; Australian Fisheries Management Authority; Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority; Australian Meat Processor Corporation; Australian Livestock Export Corporation (Livecorp); Meat and Livestock Australia; Australian Wool Innovation; and Wine Australia.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- investment and membership of research and development corporations in Agriculture Innovation Australia;
- foreign trade and market access for various agricultural areas;
- management of the Southern Bluefin tuna;
- stocking density of vessels;
- timeliness of Annual Reports;
- climate impacts on agriculture; and
- impact of summer bushfires and climate impacts on Australian grapes and wine.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Friday, 23 October 2020 in Senate Committee Room 2R1, to examine the cross-portfolio Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters.