



Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2020-21
Friday, 23 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 5.03pm.

The committee called the cross-portfolio on Murray-Darling Basin Plan matters

- Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE): Water Division; Murray-Darling Basin Water Resources Taskforce; Commonwealth Environmental Water Office; Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder; National Water Grid Authority; Murray-Darling Basin Authority; Water Efficiency and Labelling Standards Regulator.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- compliance investigations by the Interim Inspector-General of Murray-Darling Basin Water Resources;
- DAWE response to the ANAO's audit report on the Procurement of Strategic Water Entitlements;
- status of Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Projects;
- floodplain harvesting in New South Wales;
- application of the National Water Infrastructure Loan Facility; and
- regulations around water labelling standards.

Hearings for Budget Estimates 2020–21 have now concluded.