



Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2019-20
Monday, 21 October 2019
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 11.00pm.

The committee called the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development, the National Faster Rail Agency, Infrastructure Australia and Western Sydney Airport.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- advertising expenditures;
- drought communities programme and economic stimulus for drought towns;
- Community Development Grants Program;
- decentralisation of departmental jobs;
- regional deals for Hinkler, Barkly and Albury-Wodonga;
- Urban Congestion Fund;
- National Commuter Car Park Fund;
- Roads of Strategic Importance – Infrastructure Investment Program;
- business cases for various infrastructure programs overseen by Infrastructure Australia;
- Inland Rail Interface Improvement Program;
- various city deals; and
- regional airports security screening expenditure.

The committee will next meet at **9.00am** on Tuesday, 22 October in Senate Committee Room 2R1, calling the Department of Agriculture, Dairy Australia Limited, Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited (LiveCorp), Australian Pork Limited, Fisheries Research and Development Corporation, Australian Fisheries Management Authority, Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, Meat and Livestock Limited, Regional Investment Corporation and Animal Health Australia.