



Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26
Tuesday, 7 October 2025
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.05am until 11.01pm.

The committee called the Department Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts Portfolio, discussing the following topics:

Corporate matters

- Misconduct of driving instructors;
- New Vehicle Efficiency Standard;
- Machinery of Government Changes to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts; and
- Allegations of improper conduct at federally funded infrastructure projects.

Outcome 1

- Federally funded infrastructure project updates;
- Indigenous Employment and Supplier-use Infrastructure Framework; and
- Projects under the Black Spots program.

Outcome 2

- New Vehicle Efficiency Standard;
- Brisbane Airport flight paths;
- Transport and Infrastructure Net Zero Roadmap and Action Plan; and
- Administration of REX Airlines.

Outcome 3

- Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program update;
- Financial sustainability of local governments;
- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program status;
- Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program status; and
- Port of Darwin.

Outcome 4

- New Indian Ocean Territories air services tender process and contract.

Airservices Australia

- Brisbane Airport Noise Action Plan;
- Recruitment of air traffic controllers;

- Attribution of delays to Airservices Australia;
- Implementing recommendations from Aircraft noise inquiry; and
- Use of Simultaneous Opposite Direction Parallel Runway Operations at Brisbane Airport.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority

- New service delivery dashboard and charter; and
- Recruitment of Head of Flying Operations.

Infrastructure Australia

- Infrastructure Priority List.

Australian Rail Track Corporation and Inland Rail Pty Ltd

- Potential extension of Inland rail to the Port of Gladstone; and
- Construction contracts of Inland Rail.

High Speed Rail Authority

- Update on the high speed rail business case; and
- Corridor protection of a future high speed rail line.

National Heavy Vehicle Regulator

- Recruitment process of the Chief Executive Officer.

The committee agreed to release the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, Australian Maritime Safety Authority, National Transport Commission, National Intermodal Corporation and the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility from the hearing.

The committee adjourned without hearing from the National Capital Authority and Western Sydney Airport Corporation.

The committee will resume its examination of the Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26 with the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio at 9:00am on Wednesday, 8 October 2025.

Please contact the secretariat on (02) 6277 3511 or rrat.sen@aph.gov.au if you have any questions.