



Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26
Wednesday, 8 October 2025
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.02am until 11.00pm.

The committee called the Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry portfolio, discussing the following topics:

Corporate Matters

- Departure of Mr Adam Fennessy PSM as Secretary; and
- Auditor-General Report No. 32 2024-25 – Delivery of the Biosecurity Workforce.

Outcome 1

- Resignation of the Inspector General of live animal exports and Inspectors General report recommendations;
- The Agriculture and Land Sector Plan of the government's Net Zero Plan;
- Transition assistance package for the phase out of live sheep exports by sea;
- First-nations contributions to Australian agriculture;
- Emissions calculations for the agricultural industry;
- Additional funding for the Regional Investment Corporation; and
- Implications of the European Union Deforestation Regulation on Australian producers and exporters.

Outcome 2

- Update on the spread of red imported fire ants;
- Lifting biosecurity restrictions on the import of United States beef;
- Update on the review of import restrictions on bananas from the Philippines; and
- Outcomes of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity Review.

Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority

- Review of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides.

Australian Livestock Export Corporation Ltd (LiveCorp)

- Mortality rates of live animal exports.

Inspector-General of Biosecurity

- Recommendations made by the Inspector-General of Biosecurity in the 'Review of the management and application of the import risk analysis process'.

Regional Investment Corporation

- Additional \$1 billion in new loan funding for the Regional Investment Corporation.

Sugar Research Australia

- Research into new sugar cane varieties.

The committee agreed to release Agricultural Innovation Australia, Australian Fisheries Management Authority, Australian Meat Processor Corporation, Fisheries Research & Development Corporation, Grains Research and Development Corporation and Meat and Livestock Australia from the hearing.

The committee will resume its examination of the 2025-26 Supplementary Budget Estimates on Monday, 1 December 2025.

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