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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

1.1 On 4 February 2016, the Senate referred the following two documents to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee (the committee) for examination and report:

- Particulars of proposed additional expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2016 [Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2015-16]; and
- Particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2016 [Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2015-16].<sup>1</sup>

1.2 The committee is required to examine the 2015-16 additional estimates contained in these two documents in relation to the Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio and the Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio.<sup>2</sup> Following examination, the committee is required to table its report on the 2015-16 additional estimates on 1 March 2016.

### **Additional Estimates hearings**

1.3 The committee examined witnesses from the Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio on 8 February 2016, and witnesses from the Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio on 9 February 2016.

1.4 The committee heard evidence from the following senators:

- Senator the Hon. Richard Colbeck, Minister for Tourism and International Education and Minister Assisting the Minister for Trade and Investment (representing the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development); and
- Senator the Hon. Anne Ruston, Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources (representing the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources).

1.5 Evidence was also provided by:

- Mr Mike Mrdak, Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development; and

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1 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 78, 4 February 2016, pp 3720-3721.

2 Following machinery-of-government changes in September 2015, amendments to the Administrative Arrangements Orders gave responsibility for water policy and resources to the former Department of the Agriculture, creating the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

- Mr Daryl Quinlivan, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources; and
- officers representing the departments and agencies covered by the estimates before the committee.

1.6 The committee thanks the ministers, departmental secretaries and officers for their assistance and cooperation during the hearings.

### **Questions on notice**

1.7 In accordance with Standing Order 26, the committee is required to set a date for the lodgement of written answers and additional information. The committee resolved that written answers and additional information be submitted by 1 April 2016.<sup>3</sup>

### **Record of proceedings**

1.8 This report does not attempt to analyse the evidence presented during the hearings. However, it does provide a summary of the issues that were covered by the committee for each portfolio.

### **Note on references and additional information**

1.9 References to the Hansard transcript are to the proof Hansard; page numbers may vary between the proof and the official Hansard transcripts.

1.10 Copies of the Hansard transcripts, documents tabled at the hearings, and additional information received after the hearings will be tabled in the Senate and available on the committee's website.

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3 Once received, answers to questions on notice will be published at the following website address:  
[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Senate\\_Estimates/rratctte/estimates/add1516/index](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/rratctte/estimates/add1516/index)

## Chapter 2

### Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio

2.1 This chapter outlines the key issues discussed during the hearing for the Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio on 8 February 2016.

2.2 The committee heard from the divisions of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (the department) and portfolio agencies in the following order:

- Corporate Services Division;
- Western Sydney Unit;
- Infrastructure Investment Division;
- Infrastructure Australia;
- Surface Transport Policy Division;
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority;
- Airservices Australia;
- Aviation and Airports Division;
- Australian Transport Safety Bureau;
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority; and
- Office of Transport Security.

2.3 The following agencies and divisions were called to appear but released during the course of the hearing without providing evidence:

- Australian Rail Track Corporation;
- Local Government and Territories Division;
- National Capital Authority;
- Policy and Research Division; and
- National Transport Commission.

#### **Corporate Services Division; Western Sydney Unit**

2.4 The committee queried officials on various matters related to planning for the Western Sydney Airport to be constructed at Badgerys Creek, including the proposed flight paths, indicative noise levels, and the draft environmental impact statement.<sup>1</sup>

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1 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 6-13, 22-29.

2.5 Senators also engaged in discussion over a government advertising campaign for infrastructure investment, with particular emphasis given to the contracts and timeline for the campaign, as well as the \$18 million funding allocation.<sup>2</sup>

### **Infrastructure Investment Division**

2.6 The committee inquired into the progress of a number of infrastructure projects in states and territories, seeking detailed evidence on the following:

- Perth Freight Link in Western Australia, in particular the commercial-in-confidence nature of traffic modelling and projected funding arrangement;<sup>3</sup>
- Western Distributor and Melbourne Metro Rail Project in Victoria;<sup>4</sup>
- infrastructure spending in Tasmania, including the Hobart airport;<sup>5</sup>
- National Stronger Regions Fund;<sup>6</sup>
- funding and strategic reasons for WestConnex in New South Wales;<sup>7</sup>
- funding profiles for the Northern Connector in South Australia;<sup>8</sup>
- East West Link in Victoria;<sup>9</sup>
- Gold Coast Light Rail in Queensland;<sup>10</sup>
- Northern Australia Road Programs in Queensland;<sup>11</sup>
- the broader infrastructure agenda in northern Australia, including the Beef Roads program and the Cape York package;<sup>12</sup>
- infrastructure plan for western Sydney;<sup>13</sup> and
- Community Development Grants program.<sup>14</sup>

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2 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 13-18, 29-34.

3 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 34-39, 51-53.

4 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 39-42.

5 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 46-49, 78-79.

6 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 49-51, 71-74.

7 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, p. 51.

8 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 53-56.

9 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 42-46, 56.

10 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 57-58.

11 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 58-61.

12 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 61-63.

13 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 63-67.

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## Infrastructure Australia

2.7 Continuing on from discussions in the Infrastructure Investment session, the committee sought more information on the East West Link in Victoria and the WestConnex project in New South Wales. In particular senators posed questions relating to the role Infrastructure Australia had played in the assessment of the business cases.<sup>15</sup>

2.8 Officials provided the committee with information on the updated Infrastructure Australia assessment framework, and outlined the methodology utilised in assessing projects for the Infrastructure Priority List and Australian Infrastructure Plan due to be released in mid-February.<sup>16</sup>

## Surface Transport Policy Division

2.9 The committee engaged in a detailed examination of matters surrounding the MV Portland. Senators inquired into the actions the department took when considering the application for a temporary licence for a foreign flagged vessel in late 2015, and sought clarification on how the relevant legislation is applied in such situations.<sup>17</sup>

2.10 In addition, officials provided information on stakeholder consultations on the Motor Vehicles Standards Act, and gave a progress update on the regulatory impact paper statement.<sup>18</sup>

## Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)

2.11 The committee traversed a number of topics during this session, inquiring into limitations implemented by CASA on the operations of Jabiru engine powered aircraft, possible exemptions to ADS-B surveillance coverage regulations, and the capacity of Melbourne airport, including the impact of potential strategies to increase aircraft movement.<sup>19</sup>

2.12 Senators also explored the interplay of fuel management and fatigue management among pilots, and engaged in broader discussions on the complexity of balancing commercial interests and safety concerns in an aviation environment.<sup>20</sup>

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14 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 67-69.

15 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 74-76, 80-81.

16 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 76-78, 82-86.

17 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 88-102.

18 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 102-104.

19 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 105-116.

20 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 117-122.

## **Airservices Australia; Aviation and Airports Division**

2.13 Continuing with a line of questioning related to the Western Sydney Airport started earlier in the day, the committee inquired into Airservices Australia's input into the draft environmental impact statement, with a particular emphasis on the indicative flight paths over the Blue Mountains and potential noise and emission levels.<sup>21</sup>

2.14 Airservices Australia officials also undertook to provide further information on several loss of separation assurance incidents at Australian airports that occurred between 2013 and January 2016.<sup>22</sup>

## **Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB)**

2.15 The committee engaged in a brief discussion with ATSB on the current investigation into the 2009 Pel-Air ditching, and inquired whether ATSB had any knowledge of two incidents of go-arounds in 2013 and 2015. Officials undertook to provide more information on notice.<sup>23</sup>

## **Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)**

2.16 Discussions during this session turned again to the MV Portland, with the committee querying officials on when AMSA became aware of the intention to replace the Australian crew of the ship with foreign-sourced counterparts. Senators concentrated on ascertaining the subsequent communications AMSA had with officials from the department, and the department undertook to provide further details on notice. The committee also sought information on the process for changing ratings, as well as the actions undertaken by AMSA when issuing foreign seafarers with certificates of recognition to ensure compliance with the requirements of minimum safety manning certificates.<sup>24</sup>

## **Office of Transport Security**

2.17 Further matters in regard to the MV Portland were canvassed with officials from the Office of Transport Security, with senators seeking information on whether the vessel had a ship security plan. Discussion then moved to a broader examination of ship security plans and the auditing role of the department, as well as particulars of the Maritime Security Identification Card scheme.<sup>25</sup>

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21 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 122-127, 129-131, 132-135.

22 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 136-138.

23 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 138-139.

24 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 139-145.

25 *Proof Hansard*, 8 February 2016, pp 145-148.

# Chapter 3

## Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio

3.1 This chapter highlights the key issues discussed during the hearing for the Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio on 9 February 2016.

3.2 The committee heard from the divisions of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the department) and portfolio agencies in the following order:

- Meat and Livestock Australia Limited;
- Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation;
- Cotton Research and Development Corporation;
- Grains Research and Development Corporation;
- Fisheries Research and Development Corporation;
- Australian Fisheries Management Authority;
- Australian Grape and Wine Authority;
- Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority;
- Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited;
- Plant Health Australia;
- Animal Health Australia;
- Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited;
- Australian Meat Processor Corporation;
- Corporate divisions [Finance and Business Support; Corporate Strategy and Governance; Information Services; Service Delivery; Office of the General Counsel];
- Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences;
- Outcome One divisions [Farm Support; Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Agricultural Policy; Trade and Market Access];
- Outcome Two divisions [Exports; Biosecurity Animal; Chief Veterinary Officer; Biosecurity Plant; Australian Chief Plant Protection Officer; Compliance; Biosecurity Policy and Implementation]; and
- Outcome Three divisions [Water Policy; Murray-Darling Basin Authority].

3.3 Landcare Australia Limited was called to appear but released during the course of the hearing without providing evidence

### **Meat and Livestock Australia Limited (MLA)**

3.4 The committee traversed a variety of topics with MLA, including the current and predicted states of the domestic and export markets, as well as the agency's relationship with the peak industry councils. Officials also provided an analysis of current beef and lamb prices, and information on the broader issues surrounding productivity and the critical mass of the beef herd.<sup>1</sup>

### **Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC)**

3.5 Following a similar line of questioning from previous estimates, senators queried officials on the details of the potential relocation of RIRDC to Wagga Wagga. In addition to clarifying timelines and the potential of the hub and spoke model for the agency, discussion also took place on the government's decentralisation policy more generally.<sup>2</sup>

3.6 The committee also discussed the 2015 research undertaken by RIRDC on cooperatives and the potential of collective bargaining, and sought information on how the government intended to move forward with the cooperatives program noted in the Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper.<sup>3</sup>

### **Cotton Research and Development Corporation (CRDC)**

3.7 Senators inquired into the research priorities and five year strategic plan of CRDC, as well as the extent of collaborations between the agency and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). The potential effects of CSIRO job losses on this partnership were also raised during this discussion.<sup>4</sup>

### **Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC)**

3.8 The committee queried officials on the agency's sponsorship of the 2016 Global Food Forum to be held in Melbourne, seeking details on the exact nature of the sponsorship package and the benefits to be gained by GRDC.<sup>5</sup>

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1 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 2-17.

2 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 17-22, 30-35.

3 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 24-30.

4 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 35-37.

5 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 38-43.

3.9 Senators also requested information on the staffing profile and professional development activities of the agency, with officials undertaking to provide on notice details on training sessions for the senior leadership group.<sup>6</sup>

### **Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC)**

3.10 FRDC officials provided the committee with further information on the proposed relocation of the agency away from Canberra, outlining the potential benefits of being located in regional Australia and the possible impact on staffing levels.<sup>7</sup>

3.11 The committee also received details on the proposal that FRDC be responsible for the costs of Australia's membership to various regional fishery organisations, and the impact this would have on the agency's budget.<sup>8</sup>

### **Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA)**

3.12 The committee raised matters relating to the activities of the Geelong Star trawler, querying officials on the recent albatross deaths and the subsequent actions taken by AFMA to minimise the risk of further wildlife interactions. Officials provided information on the levels of observer coverage employed and the mitigation strategies and limits currently in place for the vessel.<sup>9</sup> The committee also discussed the Australian plan of action for seabirds in relation to trawling activities more generally.<sup>10</sup>

### **Australian Grape and Wine Authority (AGWA)**

3.13 AGWA officials provided the committee with an update on the activities of the agency in its first 18 months of operation. The committee posed questions relating to the marketing expenditure of AGWA, and received information on the current growth and trends in the Australian wine industry export market, particularly in regard to the United Kingdom, the United State of America, and Asia.<sup>11</sup>

### **Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)**

3.14 The committee requested details on the number of applications received for the registration of veterinary chemical products, and also inquired into the ongoing court case and other matters related to the agency's interpretation of legislation

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6 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 44-49.

7 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 50-52, 54-55.

8 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 52-53.

9 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 55-65

10 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 66-67.

11 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 67-2.

pertaining to the use and disclosure of confidential commercial information when assessing applications.<sup>12</sup>

3.15 Officials also discussed the potential relocation of the agency to Armidale, the projected impacts of the abolition of the APVMA advisory board, and various matters relating to a global shortage of a vaccine for the equine herpes virus. Senators also sought clarification on the superbug MCR-1 and the use of the Colistin antibiotic.<sup>13</sup>

### **Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited (HIAL)**

3.16 The committee canvassed a number of issues with HIAL, including the sweet potato levy framework and the funding and market access challenges facing cherry growers. Following on from a line of questioning employed at the 2015-16 Supplementary Estimates hearing, senators sought an update on the case of funds misappropriated by a former employee, and questioned officials on the lessons the agency had learnt from the incident.<sup>14</sup>

### **Plant Health Australia**

3.17 Plant Health Australia officials presented evidence illustrating how the agency is tackling issues of plant biosecurity and fruit fly management, noting efforts to establish a fruit fly council. Senators also received clarification on the cost-benefit considerations that led to the decision of the agency not to relocate to premises with Animal Health Australia.<sup>15</sup>

### **Animal Health Australia**

3.18 The committee queried officials on the decision of the agency not to relocate in conjunction with Plant Health Australia, as well as the new lease arrangements now in place. Senators also sought information on the decision not to transfer National Livestock Identification System Limited from MLA to Animal Health Australia.<sup>16</sup>

### **Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited (LiveCorp)**

3.19 The committee received an update on the Livestock Global Assurance Program, including details on the aims of the program and the projected timeline for discussions with industry.<sup>17</sup>

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12 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 72-75.

13 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 75-87.

14 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 87-90.

15 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 90-92.

16 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 92-93.

17 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 93-94.

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## **Australian Meat Processor Corporation (AMPC)**

3.20 AMPC provided an overview of recent changes to the board, as well as details on the current strategic plan of the organisation. In particular the senators sought an understanding of AMPC stakeholder requests for greater scientific inputs towards addressing issues such as food safety, product development, market access and industry and environmental sustainability.<sup>18</sup>

### **Corporate Divisions**

3.21 This session encompassed Finance and Business Support, Corporate Strategy and Governance, Information Services, Service Delivery, and the Office of the General Counsel.

3.22 The committee received a detailed update on the implementation of recommendations from the 2015 review conducted by Ernst and Young into the department's handling of freedom of information requests.<sup>19</sup>

3.23 Department officials also provided information on the reasons behind the abolition of the National Rural Advisory Council (NRAC), with senators seeking clarification on the practical implications arising from the merging of the functions of NRAC with the Agricultural Industry Advisory Council.<sup>20</sup>

3.24 The progress of the implementation of the Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper initiatives was also discussed, with particular reference to the transitional loan program, drought concessional loans, and pest and weed programs.<sup>21</sup>

## **Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES)**

3.25 The committee engaged in a brief discussion over the research ABARES is undertaking on productivity in the agricultural, fishery and forestry sectors.<sup>22</sup>

### **Outcome One Divisions**

3.26 The scope of Outcome One is as follows:

More sustainable, productive, internationally competitive and profitable Australian agricultural, food and fibre industries through policies and

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18 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 94-96.

19 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 96-99.

20 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 99-104.

21 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 105-106.

22 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 106-109.

initiatives that promote better resource management practices, innovation, self-reliance and improved access to international markets.<sup>23</sup>

3.27 This session encompassed the Farm Support division, the Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry division, the Agricultural Policy division, and the Trade and Market Access division.

3.28 The committee sought details on the Regional Forest Agreements in operation in Tasmania and Victoria, receiving details on the independent review results, as well as the discussions currently being held with state governments on the future of the agreements.<sup>24</sup>

3.29 Senators also queried officials on the funding specifics of the Farm Household Allowance Program, the department's priorities for developing a formal agricultural productivity work plan, and work being done in relation to a Californian ban on imported kangaroo products.<sup>25</sup>

3.30 The committee inquired into the role of five new agricultural counsellors to be stationed in Vietnam, Malaysia, the Middle East, China and Thailand, and received an update on the uptake of drought concessional loans and drought recovery concessional loans. Broader discussions on Commonwealth drought-related programs also traversed the eligibility criteria for the Drought Communities Program, as well as the Rural Financial Counselling Service.<sup>26</sup>

## **Outcome Two Divisions**

3.31 The scope of Outcome Two is as follows:

Safeguard Australia's animal and plant health status to maintain overseas markets and protect the economy and environment from the impact of exotic pests and diseases, through risk assessment, inspection and certification, and the implementation of emergency response arrangements for Australian agricultural, food and fibre industries.<sup>27</sup>

3.32 This session encompassed the Exports division, the Biosecurity Animal division, the Chief Veterinary Officer, the Biosecurity Plant division, the Australian Chief Plant Protection Officer, the Compliance division, and the Biosecurity Policy and Implementation division.

3.33 The committee engaged officials in an in-depth discussion on the particulars of the equine herpes virus, receiving an explanation from the Chief Veterinary Officer

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23 Agriculture and Water Resources Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2015-16, p. 32.

24 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 109-112.

25 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 112-116.

26 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 116-126.

27 Agriculture and Water Resources Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2015-16, p. 32.

on the impact of the disease, as well as further information on the status of the supply of the vaccine in Australia. In this context, the committee also inquired into the broader issues surrounding vaccine importation, including the influence of commercial priorities.<sup>28</sup>

3.34 Senators also posed questions on the progress of the regulatory and non-regulatory reform options the department is considering to improve the management of imported food under the Imported Food Inspection Scheme to ensure food safety outcomes. This line of questioning followed the committee's interest in the topic in the wake of the 2015 outbreak of the hepatitis A virus linked to contaminated frozen berries sourced from China. The committee also briefly asked after the department's engagement with their state counterparts and other relevant government agencies in light of the recent salmonella outbreak connected to fresh lettuce leaves.<sup>29</sup>

3.35 The committee inquired into matters surrounding the importation of bee semen, seeking clarification on the department's policies and the biosecurity risks associated with the importation of the product. The committee heard details on the methods and goals of bee semen importation, with officials noting the process is aimed at improving the genetics of the bee population, thereby creating better disease and mite resistance.<sup>30</sup>

3.36 Officials furnished the committee with information relating to the department's response to allegations of cruelty to greyhounds in Macau outlined in a media investigation. A progress update on the current investigation into Serana Propriety Limited was also provided, with the committee receiving further clarification on the challenges inherent in the work.<sup>31</sup>

### **Outcome Three Divisions**

3.37 The scope of Outcome Three is as follows:

Improve the health of rivers and freshwater ecosystems and water use efficiency through implementing water reforms, and ensuring enhanced sustainability, efficiency and productivity in the management and use of water resources.

3.38 This session encompassed the Water division and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority.

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28 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 126-128.

29 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 130-134.

30 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 134-135.

31 *Proof Hansard*, 9 February 2016, pp 135-139.

3.39 The chair made a statement on issues relating to the northern development water resource, and senators indicated they would place all further questions on notice.<sup>32</sup>

**Senator the Hon. Bill Heffernan**  
**Chair**

# **Appendix 1**

## **Documents tabled**

### **Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio**

1. Document titled 'Flight Operations: Flight Standing Order: Application of Flight Time Limitations'. Tabled by Senator Nick Xenophon on 8 February 2016.
2. Document titled 'Information Brief: Melbourne Basin Coordination Incidents'. Tabled by Mr Jason Harfield, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Airservices Australia on 8 February 2016.
3. Document titled 'Information Brief: LAHSO at Melbourne Airport'. Tabled by Mr Jason Harfield, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Airservices Australia on 8 February 2016.



## **Appendix 2**

### **Additional Information received**

#### **Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio**

1. Correspondence received 15 February 2016 from Ms Judith Zielke, Deputy Secretary, Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, correcting evidence given on 8 February 2016.
2. Correspondence received 24 February 2016 from Mr Mark Skidmore AM, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Aviation Safety, Civil Aviation Safety Authority, correcting evidence given on 8 February 2016.

#### **Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio**

1. Correspondence received 19 February 2016 from Ms Jo Evans, Deputy Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, correcting evidence given on 9 February 2016.
2. Correspondence (2) received 19 February 2016 from Ms Jo Evans, Deputy Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, correcting evidence given on 9 February 2016.
3. Correspondence received 19 February 2016 from Dr Narelle Clegg, Assistant Secretary, Exports Division, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, correcting evidence given on 9 February 2016.
4. Correspondence received 23 February 2016 from Mr Ian Thompson, First Assistant Secretary, Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, correcting evidence given on 9 February 2016.
5. Correspondence received 24 February 2016 from Mr Richard Norton, Managing Director, Meat and Livestock Australia Limited, correcting evidence given on 9 February 2016.

