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Chapter 1

Introduction

- 1.1 On 9 February 2017, the Senate referred the following 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 2017 [Appropriation Bill (No. 3) 2016–17];
- Particulars of certain proposed additional expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2017 [Appropriation Bill (No. 4) 2016–17]; and
- Final Budget Outcome 2015–16.¹
- 1.2 The committee is required to examine the 2016–17 additional estimates contained in these documents in relation to the Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio and the Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio. Following examination, the committee is required to table its report on the 2016–17 additional estimates. On 23 March 2017, the committee decided to hold a spill-over hearing on 20 April 2017 with the Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio. However, the hearing didn't proceed. In lieu of the hearing, senators were invited to provide additional written questions for which responses were due on 26 April 2017. To allow for this process, the original date for the estimates report was extended from 28 March 2017 to 4 May 2017.

Additional Estimates hearings

- 1.3 The committee examined witnesses from the Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio on 27 February and 20 April 2017, and witnesses from the Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio on 28 February 2017.
- 1.4 The committee heard evidence from the following senators:
- Senator the Hon. Fiona Nash, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Local Government and Territories, Minister for Regional Communications (also representing the Minister for Infrastructure); 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:

¹ *Journals of the Senate*, No. 26, 9 February 2017, pp. 888–889.

² *Journals of the Senate*, No. 13, 8 November 2016, pp. 411–412.

³ *Journals of the Senate*, No. 34, 23 March 2017, p. 1150.

- Mr Mike Mrdak, Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development; and
- 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 to extend the return date for the majority of written answers to questions on notice from 18 April 2017 to 26 April 2017. However, the original deadline of 18 April was retained for responses from the Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio to Senator Urquhart's questions on Tasmanian water and sewerage infrastructure.
- 1.8 The committee also set three separate dates for the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources to supply information connected to the outbreak of white spot disease in prawns. The first tranche of information is due on 26 April with the second due on 3 May and final tranche due on 10 May 2017.

Record of proceedings

1.9 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

- 1.10 References to the Hansard transcript are to the proof Hansard; page numbers may vary between the proof and the official Hansard transcripts.
- 1.11 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.

 $\underline{http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\ Business/Senate\ Estimates/rratctte/estimates/add1617/in}\underline{dex}$

⁴ Once received, answers to questions on notice will be published at the following website address:

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 27 February 2017.
- 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:
- National Transport Commission;
- Infrastructure Australia;
- Australian Rail Track Corporation;
- Infrastructure Investment Division;
- Corporate Services Division;
- Surface Transport Policy Division;
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority;
- Aviation and Airports Division;
- Airservices Australia; and
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority.
- 2.3 The following Agencies and Divisions were released during the course of the hearing without providing evidence:
- Australian Transport Safety Bureau;
- Policy and Research Division;
- Local Government and Territories Division;
- National Capital Authority;
- Western Sydney Unit (excluding Western Sydney airport); and
- Office of Transport Security Division.

National Transport Commission (NTC)

2.4 The committee queried officials on the *Who moves what where* publication. The committee was particularly interested in the rationale behind the publication's focus on rail and heavy vehicle movement of freight. The committee raised concern that the publication gave little consideration to shipping despite it accounting for 17 per cent of internal movements and almost 100 per cent of freight movement in and out of Australia.¹

¹ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 4–5.

Infrastructure Australia (IA)

- 2.5 Officials from Infrastructure Australia (IA) advised the committee that the agency was building up in-house capacity as a means of absorbing a 25 per cent reduction in funding for 2017–8 (\$8.8 million).²
- 2.6 Other issues canvassed during IA's appearance, included:
- projects currently reviewed by IA such as Sydney Metro, Western Distributor Project, Cross River Rail, and the Tanami Road;³
- whether IA had been consulted about the creation of the Infrastructure Financing Unit;⁴
- a progress update on the Western Distributor Project in Melbourne and whether the Australian government was satisfied the project was at an advanced stage to warrant federal funding;⁵
- funding arrangements for the Western Distributor between the Australian government, Victorian government and Transurban;⁶
- whether IA had carried out an analysis of the Perth Freight Link before government allocated funding to the project;⁷
- whether Australian steel will be used in rail projects on the priority list;⁸
- a progress update on a business case evaluation for the Tanami Road in the Northern Territory; 9 and
- any environmental assessment or costs and benefits analysis undertaken on the Perth Freight Link project; ¹⁰ and the
- difference between high priority and standard priority infrastructure projects and initiatives, and their respective assessments.¹¹

Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC)

2.7 The committee followed up on several rail maintenance and upgrade activities undertaken by the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC). This included updates

² Proof Hansard, 27 February 2017, p. 6.

³ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, p. 6.

⁴ Proof Hansard, 27 February 2017, p. 10.

⁵ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 10–15.

⁶ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 10–12.

⁷ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, p. 15.

⁸ Proof Hansard, 27 February 2017, p. 16.

⁹ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 17–18.

¹⁰ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 20–22.

¹¹ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 25–26.

on the Albury rail service and track conditions from Melbourne to Wangaratta, and from Melbourne to Sydney under the Ballast Rehabilitation Program. 12

2.8 The committee also questioned ARTC about its decision not to release the condition data used to generate its track quality index required under the terms of its lease with the Victorian government.¹³

Infrastructure Investment Division

- 2.9 The committee inquired into the progress of a number of infrastructure projects in states and territories, seeking detailed evidence on the following:
- Swan Valley bypass and Tonkin Grade Separations Project in Western Australia; 14
- Great Western Highway and Pacific Highway upgrades in New South Wales; 15
- a number of rail projects contained in the Freight Rail Revitalisation Program in Tasmania; 16
- Toowoomba bypass and Bruce Highway, including whether their milestones were met and construction completed within budget;¹⁷
- Building Better Regions Fund; 18
- funding and planning arrangements, including a freight user charge for the Perth Freight Link; 19
- Stronger Communities Programme;²⁰
- ANAO report's finding on the WestConnex project in New South Wales;²¹
- infrastructure spending in Tasmania, including the Hobart airport runway extension: ²² and
- the working relationship between the department and Victorian government in relation to the Western Distributor project.²³

¹² *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 28–31.

¹³ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 29–30.

¹⁴ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 36–37.

¹⁵ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 38–40.

¹⁶ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 40–41.

¹⁷ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 41–42.

¹⁸ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 46–47.

¹⁹ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 44, 52–53.

²⁰ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 45–46.

²¹ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 47–48, 62–65.

²² *Proof Hansard 27* February 2017, pp. 51–52.

Corporate Services Division; Western Sydney Unit (Western Sydney airport)

- 2.10 The committee queried officials about planning underway to construct the Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek. Matters raised included the makeup of a committee to oversee the airport's development, limits on the number of flights, curfews, and the results of a December 2016 survey on community knowledge of and support for the airport.²⁴
- 2.11 Senators also engaged in discussion of whether Badgerys Creek would be designated a regional or international airport and considered the various implications arising from a particular designation.²⁵

Surface Transport Policy Division

- 2.12 The committee examined a number of subprograms of the Infrastructure Investment Program, including those relating to road safety. Two such programs included the Black Spot and Key2Drive programs. The Black Spot program attracts funding when a nominated black spot has a crash history of at least three crashes in five years at the site. ²⁶ The Key2Drive is a driver training program which the department funds through the Australian Automobile Association.
- 2.13 The committee also discussed the tracking of unauthorised ship voyages and associated penalties, and requested an update on the government's coastal shipping reforms.²⁷

Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA)

- 2.14 The committee traversed a number of topics during this session, inquiring into the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) role in establishing airport public safety zones and the criteria for limiting development around airport runways. This topic was examined in light of the recent Essendon Airport tragedy.²⁸
- 2.15 Senators also raised concerns about job cuts affecting public safety following leaked emails from an Airservices Australia employee. The committee sought CASA's response to these concerns and questioned whether CASA had any intention to review the impact of the Accelerate Program on air traffic control.²⁹

²³ *Proof Hansard* 27 February 2017, pp. 57–58.

²⁴ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 88–95.

²⁵ *Proof Hansard*,27 February 2017, pp. 93–94.

²⁶ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 97–98.

²⁷ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 100–105.

²⁸ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 116–118.

²⁹ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 117–120.

Aviation and Airports Division

- 2.16 The committee was informed that following the tragedy at Essendon Airport, officials of the division along with the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB) provided advice to the minister on the details of the accident investigation process and the development approval process for buildings located at the site.
- 2.17 The committee queried the division about the ways in which community safety was taken into account when airport land use was assessed and approved under the planning approval process.³⁰
- 2.18 Officials also undertook to provide the committee with a briefing on the National Airports Safeguarding Advisory Group (NASAG) process and on airport noise indices.³¹ The committee was subsequently provided with a briefing by departmental officials on 26 March 2017.

Airservices Australia (Airservices)

- 2.19 The committee engaged in a detailed examination of the implementation of Airservices Australia's Accelerate program. Senators inquired into whether there was a sufficient number of air traffic control and firefighting staff and if aviation safety might be compromised as a result of the Accelerate program. ³² The committee expects to continue to focus its attentions on Airservices and the Accelerate program in accordance with its oversight function under Standing Order 25(2)(a).
- 2.20 In additional, the topic of excessive noise was canvassed. Officials explained the roles of Airservices, CASA, and the department in regard to the management, monitoring, and enforcement of excessive noise levels.³³

Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)

- 2.21 The committee questioned whether the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) was aware of any proposal by a coastal vessel to replace its Australian crew with foreign-sourced counterparts. Senators also sought information on the process AMSA uses to verify seafarers' documentation.³⁴
- 2.22 The committee also queried officials about on-board inspections of ships entering Sydney Harbour. Officials were questioned about whether its compliance testing was as rigorous as the New South Wales Environment Protection Authority's regime of inspecting both logbooks and testing fuel samples from cruise ships.³⁵

³⁰ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 125–126.

³¹ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, p. 128.

³² *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, p. 129.

³³ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 130–131.

³⁴ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 137–138.

³⁵ *Proof Hansard*, 27 February 2017, pp. 139–141.

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 28 February 2017.
- 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:
- Australian Wool Innovation Limited;
- Australian Fisheries Management Authority;
- Dairy Australia Limited;
- Fisheries Research and Development Corporation;
- Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority;
- Corporate Divisions [Finance and Business Support; Corporate Strategy and Governance; Information Services; Service Delivery; Office of the General Counsel];
- 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; Murray-Darling Basin Authority].
- 3.3 The Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences was called to appear but released during the course of the hearing without providing evidence.

Australian Wool Innovation Limited (AWI)

- 3.4 Australian Wool Innovation Limited (AWI) commenced its appearance with the positive news of an industry in good shape. Officials noted that over the past 12 months there had been a price increase of 22 per cent. Other topics covered in this session included staffing and where they were located, the cost of the 2015 WoolPoll, and the cost and outcome of AWI's 2015–16 organisational restructure. ¹
- 3.5 In relation to the restructure, the committee queried how AWI arrived at the redundancy package which included generous ex gratia payments given to a number of former employees. Senators raised concerns that these generous packages were paid by a corporation which is largely funded by levy payers.²

¹ Proof Hansard, 28 February 2017, pp. 5–9.

² *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, pp. 10–12, 23–26.

Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA)

- 3.6 The committee queried whether the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) had made money from collecting permit fees from people fishing in the economic exclusion zone off Norfolk Island. AFMA clarified there had not been any money collected through royalties or permits to fish in the area since the late 1990s. AFMA advised that there was a cost-recovery fee for management services for Australian fishers to access some waters around Norfolk Island.³
- 3.7 Officials were also questioned about when they were made aware of the outbreak of white spot disease in prawns in the Logan River area and what actions had been taken.⁴

Dairy Australia Limited (DA)

- 3.8 The committee questioned Dairy Australia (DA) on a number of topics, including its staffing levels across Australia, location of its office, and the cost, uptake and evaluation of its 'Tactics for Tight Times' and 'Taking Stock' programs.⁵
- 3.9 In response to questions regarding the location of the DA's office, officials advised that as over 60 per cent of dairy production came from Victoria, it made sense for its head office to be located in Melbourne.⁶

Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC)

3.10 Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) officials provided the committee with information on the actions they took following the outbreak of white spot disease in prawns. Along with a number of research projects, FRDC officials calculated the economic costs of the outbreak and the impact for farmers in the region as well as those outside.⁷

Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)

- 3.11 The committee engaged in a detailed discussion on Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority's (APVMA) relocation to Armidale and its impact on staffing. In regard to the shortage of regulatory scientists and despite a recruitment drive, including from overseas, officials disclosed the difficulties associated with employing suitably qualified staff with expertise in residue and pesticide assessments.
- 3.12 Ms Kareena Arthy, Chief Executive Officer of APVMA, stated:

One of our big gaps at the moment is in our residues assessment. These are the highly specialised people who are able to look at whether a chemical, if it is used, leaves residues either in animals or plants that people might eat. I think we are the only regulator in Australia that does this assessment. At the

³ *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, pp. 26–28.

⁴ *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, pp. 28–32.

⁵ *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, pp. 17–21.

⁶ *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, pp. 17–18.

⁷ *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, pp. 32–33.

moment we are down to half strength in that team and we are trying very hard to recruit into there. It is not causing an issue right now, but it will in the next few months.

We are also understaffed in our pesticides assessment area. They are the people who actually make the final decision. Unfortunately, we have had several very experienced people leave and so we are in the middle of recruiting there as well. They are our main gaps at the moment and we have also got some gaps around our environmental assessment and health assessment. It is mainly residues and our pesticides area.⁸

- 3.13 Of the 48 staff who left, 35 had been on-going, full-time permanent staff and 13 had been non-ongoing or casual staff. Among the 35 permanent staff who left were two SES officers, 11 EL2s, eight EL1s and 14 APS officers. In the interim, APVMA has moved resources around to fill the most critical gaps. This has included recruitment of new staff on short term contracts with the view to invest in their training should they relocate to Armidale.⁹
- 3.14 The committee also inquired about the decline in APVMA's December performance and the impact on sectors that rely on APVMA's timely assessment of agricultural-veterinary products. Despite an improved overall performance, Ms Arthy noted APVMA's performance was held back by a significant drop in its pesticides approvals. The committee was informed that this had been anticipated due to the loss of a number of key people from the organisation as well as staff on scheduled leave. ¹⁰

Corporate Divisions

- 3.15 This session encompassed Finance and Business Support, Corporate Strategy and Governance, Information Services, Service Delivery, and the Office of the General Counsel.
- 3.16 The committee discussed the reasons why staff at the department voted against the department's enterprise agreement for the fourth time. There was also a discussion about the department's high level of unscheduled absences, the drivers behind them, and the types of measures used to manage the issue. The department is the department of the departme

Outcome One Divisions

3.17 The scope of Outcome One is as follows:

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

⁸ *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, p. 45.

⁹ *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, pp. 43–48.

¹⁰ Proof Hansard, 28 February 2017, p. 43.

¹¹ *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, pp. 71–72.

¹² *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, pp. 71–72.

initiatives that promote better resource management practices, innovation, self-reliance and improved access to international markets. ¹³

- 3.18 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.
- 3.19 The committee sought information on extensions to Regional Forest Agreements in operation in Tasmania and Victoria. Officials provided details on the consultation process with the Victorian government which resulted in a 13 month extension. Officials were asked about the implications to threatened species and old growth forest.¹⁴

Outcome Two Divisions

3.20 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.¹⁵

- 3.21 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.
- 3.22 Continuing with its questioning on the outbreak of white spot disease, the committee asked officials for a detailed overview of the white spot outbreak. Detection of the outbreak, the timing of advice to the Secretary and to respective ministers, as well as the responses and investigations that followed were explored for much of this session.¹⁶
- 3.23 At the outset, the department cautioned that the source of the outbreak may never be known and reiterated that the disease has no human health implications. The department also advised there were two separate issues—one related to the suspension of imported uncooked prawns and the other to the outbreak of white spot in the Logan River area.¹⁷
- 3.24 During the session's discussion on uncooked imported prawns, the committee inquired about the illegal importation of prawn feed, non-compliance by prawn importers, and any consequential contamination of local prawn populations. Officials were queried about the types and outcomes of investigations carried out by the

15 Agriculture and Water Resources Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2016–17, p. 4.

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¹³ Agriculture and Water Resources Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2016–17, p. 4.

¹⁴ *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, pp. 75–79.

¹⁶ *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, pp. 80–119.

¹⁷ *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, p. 81.

department, including by its compliance area, the department's inspection processes, and the competence of biosecurity officers. ¹⁸

3.25 The committee requested that the department supply it with all the information related to the outbreak of white spot disease that the department has in its possession.¹⁹ The committee has since agreed to extend the deadline for the production of these documents with three specific timeframes.

Outcome Three Divisions

3.26 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.²⁰

- 3.27 This session encompassed the Water Division and the Murray-Darling Basin Authority (MDBA).
- 3.28 The committee discussed the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. Senators inquired into its socioeconomic impacts, the transitional funding for four states worth a total of \$100 million, ²¹ and the department's consultation with stakeholders, including irrigatiors, farmers and environmentalists. ²²
- 3.29 The committee also sought information from the department about the Northern Basin review prepared by the the MDBA. In particular, officials were questioned about the Northern Basin Aboriginal Nations' input and how much of the report's recommendations took into account Indigenous communities' cultural and environmental views on water usage. ²³

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Senator Barry O'Sullivan Chair

¹⁸ *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, pp. 81–101.

¹⁹ *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, p. 96.

²⁰ Agriculture and Water Resources Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2016–17, p. 4.

The split of the \$100 million between the four states was later corrected from \$25 million each to \$33 million to NSW, \$25 million each to Victoria and South Australia, and \$15 million to Queensland. See 'Letter of correction to evidence provided by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources on 28 February 2017', received on 22 March 2017. Available at http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Senate_Estimates/rratctte/estimates/add1617/ag/index.

²² *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, pp. 119–121.

²³ *Proof Hansard*, 28 February 2017, pp. 122–123.

Appendix 1

Documents tabled

Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio

Tabled Document No. 1: 'Accelerate Program – Safety Approach', received from Mr Harfield, CEO, Airservices Australia, on 27 February 2017.

Tabled Document No. 2: 'Airservices Executive Committee Meeting', received from Mr Harfield, CEO, Airservices Australia, on 27 February 2017.

Tabled Document No. 3: '2016/17 Performance Agreement', received from Mr Harfield, CEO, Airservices Australia, on 27 February 2017.

Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio

Tabled Document No. 1: Opening Statement by Ms O'Connell, Deputy Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, received on 28 February 2017.

Appendix 2

Additional Information received

Infrastructure and Regional Development portfolio

- 1. Correspondence received 6 March 2017 from Mr Mike Mrdak AO, Secretary, Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, correcting evidence given on 27 February 2017.
- 2. Correspondence received on 7 April 2017 from Civil Aviation Safety Authority, clarifying evidence given on 27 February 2017.

Agriculture and Water Resources portfolio

- 1. Correspondence received 9 March 2017 from the Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, clarifying evidence given on 28 February 2017.
- 2. Correspondence received 15 March 2017 from Mr Ian Thompson, First Assistant Secretary, Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, correcting evidence given on 28 February 2017.
- 3. Correspondence received 22 March 2017 from Mr Paul Morris, First Assistant Secretary, Water Division, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, correcting evidence given on 28 February 2017.
- 4. Correspondence received 24 March 2017 from Mr Stuart McCullough, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Wool Innovation Limited, correcting evidence given on 28 February 2017.