



Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee  
Budget Estimates 2019-20  
Tuesday, 9 April 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 9.03am until 4.46pm.

The committee called:

- Corporate Services;
- Horticulture Australia;
- Dairy Australia;
- Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES);
- Regional Investment Corporation;
- Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority;
- Rural Policy and Farm Performance Division; and
- Agricultural Policy Division.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- staffing arrangements within the department following the conclusion of various programs and projects;
- recycled water initiatives in horticulture;
- water entitlement transactions;
- progress of loan applications through the Regional Investment Corporation;
- police investigation into the fire at the Armidale Club; and
- developments in the North Queensland Flood Recovery Program.