



Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018-19
Friday, 16 November 2018
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 8.00am until 11.44am.

The committee called:

- Department of the Environment and Energy

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- greenhouse gas reduction targets across various sectors of the Australian economy;
- additional funding for the Emissions Reduction Fund;
- waste removal from Halls Island/Lake Malbena in the Tasmanian Western Wilderness World Heritage Area;
- latest estimates of Australia's national greenhouse gas inventory;
- opportunities for the development of a hydrogen energy export industry in Australia;
- emissions from idling vehicles and air quality standards;
- licencing regime for the installation and servicing of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment;
- update on land clearing in the Great Barrier Reef catchment area;
- Australia's domestic trade in ivory and rhino horn products;
- proposed pumped-hydro expansion of the Snowy Mountains Scheme;
- offsetting emissions from fracking in the Northern Territory; and
- current programs and reports under the Government's Adaption Partnership.