



Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018-19  
Monday, 22 October 2018  
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 9.02am until 11.01pm

The committee called:

- Infrastructure Australia, National Transport Commission, Australian Rail Track Corporation, Inland Rail and Rail Policy Division, Infrastructure Investment Division, Surface Transport Policy Division, Regional Development and Local Government Division, Airservices Australia and Cities Division.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- data gathering and review processes for road safety statistics;
- establishment of the Office of Future Transport Technologies;
- National Transport Commission recruiting procedures;
- development of regulations for automated vehicles;
- effect and benefits of inland rail on regional producing communities;
- scope of works for the North-Eastern Victoria Rail Line;
- Australian vehicle safety standards compared to European standards;
- data gathering and cost-benefit analysis of autonomous braking technology;
- decentralisation of public servants to regional areas;
- emergency crew numbers and resources at various airports, particularly Brisbane;
- executive bonuses at Airservices Australia; and
- funding allocation and time frames for various city deals.

The committee will next meet at **9.00am** on Tuesday, 23 October in Committee Room 2R1.