



Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018-19
Tuesday, 23 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 9.00am until 10.48pm

The committee called:

- Department Corporate Matters (Finance and Business Support, Corporate Strategy and Governance, Information Services and Assurance and Legal), Australian Wool Innovation Limited, Australian Meat Processor Corporation Limited, Meat and Livestock Australia, Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited, Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority, Regional Investment Corporation and Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- staffing levels in the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources;
- Lambassador's role in relation to Meat and Livestock Australia;
- efforts to reduce carbon emissions from livestock;
- Australia's beef exports to Asia, particularly Indonesia and China;
- stocking density levels for live animal exports;
- freedom of information documents regarding Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority's tender process;
- live animal export including the Review into the Regulatory Capability and Culture of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources in the regulation of live animal exports;
- potential hazards and risks in relation to glyphosate; and
- 'Growing a Better Australia' plan.