



Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2019-20  
Tuesday, 12 November 2019  
Daily summary

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

The committee met from 10.31am until 12.30pm.

The committee called the Department of the Environment and Energy.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- correspondence between the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction and the Lord Mayor of Sydney;
- correspondence between the Prime Minister and the Emergency Leaders for Climate Action group;
- link between climate change and an increase in bushfire risks;
- statutory review of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*;
- Australian National Audit Office report into the awarding of a \$443.3 million grant to the Great Barrier Reef Foundation;
- approvals process for resource testing for a proposed offshore wind farm near Gippsland in Victoria; and
- timeframe for the finalisation of the recovery plan for the Leadbeater's possum.