



Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2019-20
Friday, 25 October 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 9.00am until 4.02pm.

The committee called the Department of Agriculture, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development, the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- water buyback schemes;
- water recovery under the Murray-Darling Basin Plan;
- commonwealth water purchasing in the Murray-Darling Basin;
- construction of water infrastructure projects;
- proposed construction of dams in New South Wales;
- ecological concerns in the Barmah Forest;
- National Water Infrastructure Loan Facility;
- On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program; and
- status of a class action against the Murray-Darling Basin Authority.