

## **Executive Summary**

On 27 June 2025, the Appropriation Bill 2025 and the estimates for the Primary Industries and Resources Committee (the committee) areas of responsibility were referred to the committee for investigation and report.

The estimates process is one of the key mechanisms to examine government expenditure, performance and effectiveness. By examining and reporting on the proposed expenditures contained in the Bill, the committee assists the Parliament in its scrutiny of the Government's proposed expenditure.

The Appropriation for 2025-26 is \$105,417,248,000.

The committee's examination of the Bill is in relation to the:

- Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development
- Department of Primary Industries.

On 6 August 2025, the committee conducted public hearings and took evidence about the proposed expenditure from the:

- Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development
- Minister for Primary Industries.

This report summarises the estimates referred to the committee and highlights some of the issues the committee examined including information contained in the:

- budget papers
- answers to pre-hearing questions on notice
- evidence taken at the hearing.

The committee made one recommendation (found at page v of this report) that the proposed expenditure, as detailed in the Bill for the committee's areas of responsibility, be agreed to by the Legislative Assembly without amendment.