



**AUSTRALIAN SENATE**  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee  
Budget Estimates 2017-18  
Tuesday, 30 May 2017  
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in Education and Employment Committee Estimates.

The committee met from 9.00 am until 9.52 pm.

The committee called agencies from the Employment portfolio, including:

- Fair Work Commission (FWC);
- Registered Organisation Commission (ROC);
- Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO);
- Workplace Gender Equality Agency;
- Australian Building and Construction Commission;
- Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency;
- Comcare, the Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission and Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority; and
- Safe Work Australia.

Areas of interest covered today included:

- enterprise agreement disputes handled by the FWC, particularly in relation to some Coles supermarkets;
- reports of the FWC deputy president's receipt of a past redundancy payout;
- welcoming a new Commissioner to the ROC;
- investigations into some Domino's franchises and reports of worker underpayment;
- FWO investigation regarding an alleged incident of unlawful industrial action by crew members on the Tandara Spirit ship;
- wage underpayments for apprentices and trainees;
- role of men in achieving workplace gender equality, including paid parental leave;
- monitoring the rollout of the Code for the Tendering and Performance of Building Work 2016, which came into force in December 2016;
- high profile cases of industrial action associated with the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union; and
- importations of products containing asbestos.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Wednesday 31 May 2017 in 2S3, calling agencies and the department of the Education portfolio, starting with the Australian Research Council.