



Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2024-25
Wednesday 5 June 2024
Daily summary

The committee met from 9:02am until 9:31pm

The committee called:

Department of Education, Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority, Australian Education Research Organisation, and the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited.

Department of Education

Corporate and Enabling Services, Cross-portfolio, and general matters

- Timeliness of answers to Questions on Notice;
- Changes in funding of programs within the department;
- Breaches of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*;
- Number of First Nations staff within the department;
- Estimates Manual for answering Senate Estimates Questions on Notice;
- Staffing levels; and
- Media and communication campaigns - total staff in communications team, boosting of social media posts.

Outcome 1: Schools

- Antisemitism in schools;
- Student Wellbeing Boost - funding delivered to schools with high numbers of Jewish students;
- Securing Faith Based Places grants;
- Conduct of teachers in schools;
- National School Reform Agreement - update on work since last estimates, consultation;
- Schooling Resource Standard;
- Commonwealth Capital Funding for non-Government schools;
- Social cohesion in schools;
- Activism in schools;
- Together for Humanity program;
- Investigation into Cranbrook School;
- Adjustments for students with disability;
- Review to Inform a Better and Fairer Education System;
- Utilisation of funds from the Schools Upgrade Fund;
- Funding for schools in the Northern Territory;
- Consultation done with the new National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Educational Corporation (NATSIEC);
- Consent and Respectful Relationships rollout;
- Brindabella Christian College - underpayment of superannuation to teachers;

- Australian Schools Anti-Bullying Collective funding allocation;
- First Nations Teacher Strategy;
- \$5.3 million to extend the Good to Great Australia Pilot program;
- Studio Schools - allocation of funding;
- Vaping in schools - impact on students learning;
- City-Country Partnerships Program;
- \$32.8 million to support the Clontarf Foundation to continue in the 2025 school year;
- Regional Education Commissioner;
- Consideration given to incorporating behaviour teaching in the curriculum;
- Enrolment projections for Government and non-Government schools; and
- Teacher Education Expert Panel.

Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority

- Staff travel expenditure;
- External retreats for staff; and
- NAPLAN - questions included in the tests, results release date.

Australian Education Research Organisation

- Evidenced-based teaching in schools;
- Role of Head of Philanthropy;
- Engagement with the established education research community; and
- Explicit instruction.

Outcome 1: Early Childhood and Youth

- Wages for early childhood educators;
- Independent review into the Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Cheaper Child Care) Bill 2022 [Provisions];
- Professional Development Grants;
- Child Care Subsidy (CCS) activity test;
- Workforce shortages;
- Fee increases in childcare;
- Enrolments into early childhood education fee free TAFE;
- Integrity measures announced in the budget;
- In home care - amount of the CCS used, number of educators;
- Community Child Care Fund - Kingston Southeast Early Learning and Childcare services;
- Inclusion Support Program;
- Large providers reporting their financial information; and
- 2022-23 Budget funding for the Office for Youth.

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited

- Released from the hearing without questions.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Thursday, 6 June 2024 in Committee Room 2S3, for further examination of the Education Portfolio.