

The Senate

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

Public Hearings: Supplementary Budget Estimates for 2010-11

Wednesday 20 October and Thursday 21 October, 2010

**Committee Room 2S3
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2010

Time	Education, Employment & Workplace Relations Portfolio
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9:00 am	Portfolio Agencies:
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Comcare

Safe Work Australia

Fair Work Ombudsman

Fair Work Australia

Australian Building and Construction Commission

2:30 pm	Outcome 5 – <i>Safer, fairer and more productive workplaces for employers and employees by promoting and supporting the adoption of fair and flexible workplace arrangements and safer working arrangements.</i>
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General questions

Program 4.5: Compensation Payments

*Asbestos related claims Act 2005 – Safety, Rehabilitation & Compensation Act**

Program 5.1: Employee Assistance

General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme

Unlawful Termination Assistance Scheme

Coal Mining Industry (LSL) Funding Act 1992

Program 5.2: Workplace Assistance

Protected Action Ballots Scheme

Small Business Work and Family Grants Program

8:00 pm

Outcome 4 – *Enhanced employability and acquisition of labour market skills and knowledge and participation in society through direct financial support and funding of employment and training services.***

General questions

Program 4.1: Employment Services

Job Services Australia
Job Capacity Assessment
Jobs Fund
National Green Jobs Corps
Productive Ageing Package
Insulation Workers Support

Program 4.3: Disability Employment Services

Employment Assistance and Other Services
Vocational Rehabilitation Services
Disability Employment Services

Program 4.4: Working Age Payments

Compensation and Debt Relief
Mobility Allowance
Newstart Allowance
Parenting Payment (Single)
Parenting Payment (Partnered)
Partner Allowance (Benefit)
Partner Allowance (Pension)
Pensioner Education Supplement
Sickness Allowance
Utilities Allowance
Widow Allowance
Youth Allowance (Other)
School Enrolment and Attendance Measure (SEAM)

THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2010

Time

Education, Employment & Workplace Relations Portfolio (cont.)

9:00 am

Cross Portfolio

10:00 am

Outcome 1 – *Improved access to quality services that support early childhood learning and care for children through a national quality framework, agreed national standards, investment in infrastructure, and support for parents, carers, services and the workforce*

General questions

Program 1.1: Support for the Child Care System

Child Care Services Support
Jobs, Education and Training (JET) Child
Care Fee Assistance

Program 1.2: Child Care Fee Assistance

Child Care Benefit
Child Care Rebate

Program 1.3: Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood Education - Universal Access

Outcome 2 – *Improved learning and literacy, numeracy and educational attainment for school students, through funding for quality teaching and learning environments, workplace learning and career advice.*

General questions

Program 2.1: Government Schools National Support

Program 2.2: Non-Government Schools National Support

Schools Assistance Act 2008

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000

Recurrent Grants – Non-government

Capital Grants – Non-government

English as a Second Language – New Arrivals – Non-government

Enrolment trends – Non-government

Program 2.3: Schools Support

National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools

Grants and Awards

Framework for Open Learning

National Student Aptitude Test for Tertiary Admission

Supplementary Funding for School Operations

Drought Assistance for Schools

National Schools Chaplaincy Program

Helping Children with Autism

Local Schools Working Together

Quality Outcomes

Indigenous Education

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate

Indigenous Youth Mobility Program

Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

Sporting Chance Academies

Program 2.4: Trade Training Centres

Trade Training Centres (Non-government)

Australian Technical Colleges

Program 2.5: Digital Education Revolution

The National Secondary School Student Computer Fund

Program 2.6: National Action Plan on Literacy and Numeracy

National Action Plan on Literacy and Numeracy – literacy & numeracy pilots

National Partnership for Literacy and Numeracy

Program 2.7: Education Infrastructure (referred to as Building the Education Revolution)

Program 2.8: Smarter Schools - Low SES School Communities National Partnership

Program 2.9: Smarter Schools - Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership

Program 2.10: Youth Support

Careers Transitions and Partnerships

Youth Attainment and Transitions

Youth Engagement

National Youth Affairs Research Scheme Special Account

Program 2.11: School Student Assistance

ABSTUDY – Secondary

Assistance for Isolated Children

Youth Allowance – Secondary

Superannuation Benefits for Aboriginal Tutor Assistance Scheme

Australian Curriculum Assessment & Reporting Authority (ACARA)

Outcome 3 – *A growth in skills, qualifications and productivity through funding to improve teaching quality, learning, and tertiary sector infrastructure, international promotion of Australia's education and training sectors, and partnerships with industry.*

General questions

Skills Australia

Program 3.1: Higher Education Support

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency
Indigenous Education Advisory Council
Higher Education Special Projects
Superannuation Payments for Former Commissioners
Centre for Finance and International Regulation
Commonwealth Grants Scheme
Performance Funding
Funding to Support low SES participation
Equity Programs
Indigenous Support Program
Diversity and Structural Adjustment
Superannuation Program
Quality Initiatives
Open Learning Initiative
National Institutes
Commonwealth Scholarships
Higher Education Special Projects (Capital Development Pool)
Education Investment Fund

Program 3.2: HELP

HELP (Higher Education)
VET FEE-HELP
HECS-HELP
FEE-HELP
OS-HELP
SA-HELP

Program 3.3: Tertiary Student Assistance

ABSTUDY – Tertiary and VET
AUSTUDY – Tertiary and VET
Youth Allowance – Tertiary and VET
Fares Allowance

Program 3.4: Vocational Education and Training

Program 3.5: VET National Support

National Centre for Vocational Education Research
Australian Apprenticeship Centres
Support for New Apprenticeships
Australian Apprenticeships Workforce Skills Development
Australian Apprenticeships Access Program
My Training
VET Teaching and Learning Capital Fund
Critical Skills Investment Fund
Smarter Apprenticeships
Quality Skills Incentives
National Foundation Skills Strategy
Education Investment Fund (VET)
Workplace English Language and Literacy
Innovative community-based places
Language, Literacy and Numeracy

Program 3.6: International Education Support
International Education and Training
Assessment Subsidy for Overseas Trained Professionals
Higher Education Contribution to Australian Education International

*reflecting the old departmental structure, this has been included in the PBS under Outcome 4 but the officials to address it are now from Outcome 5. This change will be reflected in the next PBS.

** Outcome 4.2 will be considered by the Community Affairs Committee on Friday 22 October

Proposed breaks

Morning tea	10:30am-10:45am
Lunch	12.30pm-1.30pm
Afternoon tea	3.45pm-4.00pm
Dinner	6.00pm-7.30pm
Tea Break	9.30pm-9.45pm

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