# Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

1 January 2009 - 13 May 2009

| | Matters current as at 1 January 2009 | Matters referred during period * | Reports tabled that discharge a reference | Current inquiries as at 13 May 2009 |
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| Standing Committee | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 |

| | Number and Hours of Meeting | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Public | Hrs | Public Estimates | Hrs | Private | Hrs | Insp/Other | Hrs | Total Meetings | Total Hours |
| Standing Committee | 11 | 65:23 | 2 | 19:43 | 9 | 1:08 | 0 | 0:00 | 22 | 86:14 |

| | Meetings By State | | | | | | | |
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| | ACT | NSW | VIC | TAS | SA | WA | NT | QLD |
| Standing Committee | 14 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

| | | Witnesses | | | Hansard Pages | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Televised Hearings | Estimates | Other (Bills) | General | Estimates | Other (Bills) | General | No of Submissions | No Of Pages | Government Responses |
| Standing Committee | 5 | 187 | 166 | 0 | 303 | 740 | 0 | 312 | 6552 | 1 |

* includes referral of: annual reports x 1; estimates x 1

# Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (Standing)

***1 January 2009 to 13 May 2009***

## Method of appointment

Pursuant to amended Senate Standing Order 25.

| **Current members** | *Date of appointment* |
|---|---|
| Senator Gavin Marshall (VIC, ALP) *(elected Chair on 13.02.08)* | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) *(elected Deputy Chair on 26.08.08)* | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Chris Back (WA, LP) | 12.03.09–13.05.09 |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) | 16.03.09–13.05.09 |
| Senator Michaelia Cash (WA, LP) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) | 17.03.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |

| **Substitute members** | *Date of appointment* |
|---|---|
| Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)[1] | 11.11.08 |
| Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)[2] | 27.11.08 |

| **Participating members** | *Date of appointment* |
|---|---|
| Senator the Hon Eric Abetz (TAS, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Judith Adams (WA, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Guy Barnett (TAS, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Cory Bernardi (SA, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Catryna Bilyk (TAS, ALP) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Simon Birmingham (SA, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Mark Bishop (WA, ALP) | 12.03.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator the Hon Ronald Boswell (QLD, NATS) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP) | 04.12.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator the Hon George Brandis (QLD, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Bob Brown (TAS, AG) | 14.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Carol Brown (TAS, ALP) | 12.03.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator David Bushby (TAS, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |

1 Replaces Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change

2 Replaces Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the oversight of the child care industry

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| Senator Doug Cameron (NSW, ALP) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck (TAS, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator the Hon Helen Coonan (NSW, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Mathias Cormann (WA, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Alan Eggleston (WA, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Don Farrell (SA, ALP) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator David Feeney (VIC, ALP) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Steve Fielding (VIC, FFP) | 13.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP) | 12.03.09–13.05.09 |
| Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (NSW, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Mitch Fifield (VIC, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Michael Forshaw (NSW, ALP) | 12.03.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Mark Furner (QLD, ALP) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan (NSW, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Annette Hurley (SA, ALP) | 12.03.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Steve Hutchins (NSW, ALP) | 12.03.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator the Hon David Johnston (WA, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Barnaby Joyce (QLD, NATS) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Helen Kroger (VIC, LP) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Scott Ludlam (WA, AG) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Kate Lundy (ACT, ALP) | 12.03.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald (QLD, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator the Hon Brett Mason (QLD, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Anne McEwen (SA, ALP) | 12.03.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Julian McGauran (VIC, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator the Hon Jan McLucas (QLD, ALP) | 12.03.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG) | 14.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator the Hon Nicholas Minchin (SA, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Claire Moore (QLD, ALP) | 12.03.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Fiona Nash (NSW, NATS) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Kerry O'Brien (TAS, ALP) | 12.03.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Stephen Parry (TAS, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Marise Payne (NSW, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Helen Polley (TAS, ALP) | 12.03.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Louise Pratt (WA, ALP) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson (VIC, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Scott Ryan (VIC, LP) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion (NT, CLP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) | 11.11.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens (NSW, ALP) | 12.03.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Glenn Sterle (WA, ALP) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator the Hon Judith Troeth (VIC, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Russell Trood (QLD, LP) | 12.02.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator John Williams (NSW, NATS) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |
| Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |

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|---|---|
| Senator Nick Xenophon (SA, IND) | 01.07.08–13.05.09 |

| **Former members** | *Term of appointment* |
|---|---|
| Senator Lyn Allison (VIC, AD) | 13.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Mark Arbib (NSW, ALP) | 01.07.08–10.03.09 |
| Senator Sue Boyce (QLD, LP) | 12.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP) | 12.02.08–17.03.08 |
| Senator Mary Jo Fisher (SA, LP) | 12.02.08–12.03.09 |
| Senator Glen Sterle (WA, ALP) | 12.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Natasha Stott Despoja (SA, AD) | 13.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator John Watson (TAS, LP) | 12.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Dana Wortley (SA, ALP) | 12.02.08–30.06.08 |

| **Former substitute members** | *Term of appointment* |
|---|---|
| Senator Sarah Hanson-Young (SA, AG)[3] | 13.02.09–10.03.09 |
| Senator Christine Milne (TAS, AG)[4] | 10.11.08–27.11.08 |

| **Former participating members** | *Term of appointment* |
|---|---|
| Senator Andrew Bartlett (QLD, AD) | 13.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator George Campbell (NSW, ALP) | 19.03.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Grant Chapman (SA, LP) | 12.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Jacinta Collins (VIC, ALP) | 14.05.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Trish Crossin (NT, ALP) | 12.03.08–17.03.08 |
| Senator the Hon Christopher Ellison (WA, LP) | 12.02.08–30.01.09 |
| Senator John Hogg (QLD, ALP) | 12.03.08–26.08.08 |
| Senator Gary Humphries (ACT, LP) | 14.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator the Hon Rod Kemp (VIC, LP) | 12.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Linda Kirk (SA, ALP) | 12.03.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Ross Lightfoot (WA, LP) | 12.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator the Hon Sandy Macdonald (NSW, NATS) | 12.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Andrew Murray (WA, AD) | 13.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Kerry Nettle (NSW, AG) | 14.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator the Hon Kay Patterson (VIC, LP) | 12.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Robert Ray (VIC, ALP) | 12.03.08–05.05.08 |
| Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) | 14.02.08–30.06.08 |
| Senator Rachel Siewert (WA, AG) | 10.11.08–27.11.08 |
| Senator Ruth Webber (WA, ALP) | 12.03.08–30.06.08 |

3 Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the provisions of the Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures) Bill 2009

4 Replaced Senator Siewert for the committee's inquiry into the Schools Assistance Bill 2008 [Provisions] and the Education Legislation Amendment Bill 2008 [Provisions]

## Inquiries

*As at 1 January 2009*

- Developing Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change (referred 26 June 2008)
- Fair Work Bill 2008 [Provisions] (referred 25 November 2008)
- Financial, social and industry impact of the ABC Learning collapse on the provision of child care in Australia (referred 25 November 2008)

## Current inquiries

*As at 13 May 2009*

- Developing Australia's research and training capacity in the area of climate change (referred 26 June 2008)
- Financial, social and industry impact of the ABC Learning collapse on the provision of child care in Australia (referred 25 November 2008)
- Tender process for employment services contracts (referred 13 May 2009)

## New references

*1 January 2009–13 May 2009*

- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (referred 12 February 2009—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (referred 19 March 2009—through the Selection of Bills Committee)
- Tender process for employment services contracts (referred 13 May 2009)

## Public hearings

*1 January 2009–13 May 2009*

- Fair Work Bill 2008 [Provisions]—27 January 2009, Brisbane; 28 January 2009, Adelaide; 29 January 2009, Perth; 16 and 17 February 2009, Melbourne; 18 February 2009, Sydney; 19 February 2009, Canberra
- 2008–09 Additional Estimates—25 and 26 February 2009, Canberra
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions]—4 March 2009, Melbourne
- Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009 [Provisions]—20 April 2009, Sydney; 29 April 2009, Canberra; 30 April 2009, Canberra;

## Reports tabled

*1 January 2009–13 May 2009*

- Fair Work Bill 2008 [Provisions] (presented out of session 27 February 2009; tabled 10 March 2009)
- Higher Education Legislation Amendment (Student Services and Amenities, and Other Measures) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (tabled 10 March 2009)
- Annual Report (No. 1 of 2009) (tabled 12 March 2009)
- Additional Estimates 2008–09 (tabled 17 March 2009)
- Fair Work (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2009 [Provisions] (presented out of session on 7 May 2009; tabled 12 May 2009)

## Government responses

*1 January 2009–13 May 2009*

- Bridging the Skills Divide (presented out of session 17 April 2009, tabled 12 May 2009; report tabled 24 November 2003)

## Estimates

A statistical summary of this Committee's work when considering Estimates appears in Part Eight.