

## **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee**

The committee met on Wednesday, 5 June 2013 from 9.00 am until 6.52 pm.

The committee called:

- the department and agencies of the Education Portfolio, including the Australia Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority and the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership.

Among other issues, the following issues were discussed:

- corporate governance matters within the department, including trends in unscheduled absences
- the effect of the carbon tax on the department
- retention rates in the department's graduate program
- investigations regarding cheating and breaches under the National Action Plan on Literacy and Numeracy
- 'Rewards for Great Teacher' payments
- the 'Early Years Quality Fund,' including the rationale behind the program, questions over the criteria for determining who in the sector will receive grants and the consideration of competitive neutrality requirements in the selection of grantees.