



AUSTRALIAN SENATE
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016-17
Thursday, 20 October 2016
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.00am until 11.00pm.

The committee called:

- the Department of Education and Training, the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership, and the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority.

Issues discussed included:

- staffing issues facing the Department of Education and Training
- extensive discussion on school funding
 - schools that exceed their School Resource Standard funding and how school funding can be more equitable
 - various models of school funding operating federally and by state
- the Safe schools program
- Program for International Student Assessment testing in schools
- childcare subsidies available to families and activity tests for them
- compliance of various child care formats with regulations (e.g. nanny, family day care etc)
- Department of Education's need for new IT system
- National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
- Expert panel on the future of Australia's higher education system
- Vocational Education and Training Fee Higher Education Lean Program
- Conduct of the Bruce Hartwig Flying School in Adelaide
- Legal fees of the department of education in cases involving students who have incurred HELP debts but have not been delivered courses
- Maintaining quality of VET courses