

Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Legislation Committee

The committee met on Thursday, 6 June 2013 from 9.00 am until 5.30 pm.

The committee called:

- the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and agencies of the Education Portfolio.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- bullying issues, including the 'safe schools hub' and 'bullying no-way' websites run by the department
- the policy rationale behind redirected funding under the Universal Access Strategy
- feedback on the impending finalisation of the National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools Program, including ways to encourage young students to study other languages
- the impact of new technology on the one laptop per child program, particularly noting the flexibility offered by new technology (such as tablets and mobile phones).