

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

The committee met on Wednesday, 20 November 2013 from 9.00 am until 10.17 pm.

The committee called:

- the department and agencies of the Education portfolio, including the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority (ACARA), the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership, the Australian Research Council (ARC), and the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- ACARA, the My School website, and online testing;
- data from the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing;
- the transfer of ARC to the Education portfolio, as well as the lengthening of ARC grants, and support for Indigenous research programs;
- the Productivity Commission inquiry into child care;
- the Early Years Quality Fund;
- the Creative Young Stars Program;
- the National Action Plan on Literacy and Numeracy.