

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

The committee met on Tuesday, 3 June 2014 from 9 am to 10.17 pm.

The committee called the Department of Employment.

Among other issues, the following issues were discussed:

- Departmental staffing and the creation of a corporate area within the Department
- the number of voluntary redundancies across the Department and the number of Freedom of Information requests
- the Australia Jobs 2014 booklet, including the derivation of the job projection figures and the range of prospective career opportunities seen to be available to current school leavers
- areas of job growth and sources of detailed data
- jobs on the Skilled Occupation List and where there are skills shortages
- assistance available for automotive workers
- exemptions for participants on the 'Work for the Dole' scheme and what employability skills participants would gain
- the timeline for the completion of the Job Services Australia review
- the timing of the release of draft terms of reference for the Productivity Commission's review of the Fair Work Act
- the National Cleaning Services Campaign 2010-11
- conditions and pay for workers in the textile, clothing and footwear industries, and specifically their treatment under the TCF Amendment Act 2013
- Australia's operational commitments to the International Labour Organization
- the recommendation by the Commission of Audit to merge Employment portfolio agencies
- ballots conducted by the Australian Education Union on proposed industrial action
- the role of the Fair Work Commission in determining whether industrial action should take place
- road quality and accident frequency
- the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal
- maximum weekly wage and indexation cap for redundancy payments.