



## HEARING PROGRAM

# Additional Estimates 2025–26

## Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Wednesday, 11 February 2026 – Thursday, 12 February 2026  
**Committee Room 2S3**, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



### Hearing location

Committee Room 2S3  
Parliament House, Canberra  
Waiting room: Committee Room 1S4



### Committee members

Senator Marielle Smith, Chair  
Senator Maria Kovacic, Deputy Chair  
Senator Mehreen Faruqi  
Senator Corinne Mulholland  
Senator Josh Dolega  
Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price



### Broadcasts of proceedings

Television channel 111  
Radio 91.1  
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### Ministers attending

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### Due dates for Questions on Notice

Written questions: 19 February 2026  
Answers: 9 April 2026

# Wednesday, 11 February

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## Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio

<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</b> <b>Cross-portfolio, Corporate and Enabling Services, and general matters</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations</b> 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
<b>11.00am</b>	Morning tea
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations (continued)</b> 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
<b>12.45pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1.45pm</b>	<b>Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations (continued)</b> 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
<b>2:30pm</b>	Tea break
<b>2.45pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1 – Employment</b> 1.1: Employment Services  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 8: Strong economic participation and development of people and their communities</b>
<b>4:00pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>4.15pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1 – Employment (continued)</b> 1.1: Employment Services  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 8: Strong economic participation and development of people and their communities (continued)</b>
<b>4.45pm</b>	<b>Outcome 2: Skills and Training (including Jobs and Skills Australia)</b> 2.1: Building Skills and Capacity 2.2: VET Student Loans 2.3: DEWR – Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 7: Youth are engaged in employment and education</b>
<b>5.45pm</b>	<b>Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman</b>
<b>6.45pm</b>	Dinner break
<b>7.45pm</b>	<b>Fair Work Commission</b>
<b>9.00pm</b>	<b>Comcare</b>
<b>9.30pm</b>	Tea break

<b>9.45pm</b>	Safe Work Australia
<b>10.15pm</b>	Australian Skills Quality Authority
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

## Thursday, 12 February

### Education Portfolio

<b>9.00am</b>	Department of Education <b>Corporate and Enabling Services</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Schools and Youth</b> 1.3: Government Schools National Support 1.4: Non-Government Schools National Support 1.5: Early Learning and Schools Support  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 5: : Students achieve their full learning potential</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	Morning tea
<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Schools and Youth (continued)</b>  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 5: Students achieve their full learning potential (continued)</b>
<b>11:55am</b>	Lunch
<b>1.15pm</b>	Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited
<b>1.45pm</b>	Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
<b>2:15pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Early Childhood</b> 1.1: Support for the Childcare System 1.2: Child Care Subsidy  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 3: Children are engaged in high quality, culturally appropriate early childhood education in their early years</b> <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 4: Children thrive in their early years</b>
<b>3.00pm</b>	Afternoon tea
<b>3:15pm</b>	<b>Outcome 1: Early Childhood (continued)</b>  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 3: Children are engaged in high quality, culturally appropriate early childhood education in their early years (continued)</b> <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 4: Children thrive in their early years (continued)</b>
<b>4:15pm</b>	Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Outcome 2: Higher Education, Research and International</b> 2.1 : Commonwealth Grant Scheme 2.2 : Higher Education Superannuation Scheme

	<p>2.3 : Higher Education Support      2.4 : Higher Education Loan Program      2.5 : Investment in Higher Education Research      2.6 : Research Capacity      2.7 : International Education Support      2.8: Nuclear Powered Submarine Program</p> <p><b>Closing the Gap Outcome 6: Students reach their full potential through further education pathways</b></p>
<b>6:oopm</b>	Dinner
<b>7.00pm</b>	<p><b>Outcome 2: Higher Education, Research and International (continued)</b></p> <p><b>Closing the Gap Outcome 6: Students reach their full potential through further education pathways (continued)</b></p>
<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Australian Research Council</b>
<b>8.45pm</b>	Tea break
<b>9.00pm</b>	<b>Australian National University</b>
<b>10.00pm</b>	<b>Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency</b>
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment