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

#### **Ministers attending**

Senator the Hon Murray Watt  
Senator the Hon Dr Jess Walsh

#### **Secretariat**

Ros Hewett, Acting Committee Secretary  
Aisha Bottrill, Estimates Officer



#### **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

9.00am	<b>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</b> <b>Cross-portfolio, Corporate and Enabling Services, and general matters</b>
10.00am	<b>Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations</b> 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	<b>Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations (continued)</b> 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
12.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm	<b>Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations (continued)</b> 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
2:30pm	Tea break
2.45pm	<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>
4:00pm	Afternoon tea
4.15pm	<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>
4.45pm	<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>
5.45pm	<b>Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman</b>
6.45pm	Dinner break
7.45pm	<b>Fair Work Commission</b>
9.00pm	<b>Comcare</b>
9.30pm	Tea break

9.45pm	Safe Work Australia
10.15pm	Australian Skills Quality Authority
11.00pm	Adjournment

## Thursday, 12 February

### Education Portfolio

9.00am	<b>Department of Education Corporate and Enabling Services</b>
10.00am	<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>
10.30am	Morning tea
10.45am	<b>Outcome 1: Schools and Youth (continued)</b>  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 5: Students achieve their full learning potential (continued)</b>
11:55am	Lunch
1.15pm	Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited
1.45pm	Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
2:15pm	<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>
3.00pm	Afternoon tea
3:15pm	<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>
4:15pm	Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority
5.00pm	<b>Outcome 2: Higher Education, Research and International</b> 2.1 : Commonwealth Grant Scheme 2.2 : Higher Education Superannuation Scheme

	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  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 6: Students reach their full potential through further education pathways</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	Dinner
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Outcome 2: Higher Education, Research and International (continued)</b>  <b>Closing the Gap Outcome 6: Students reach their full potential through further education pathways (continued)</b>
<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