



2026–27 Budget estimates

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Tuesday 2 June 2026 – Friday 5 June 2026

Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only.



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Parliament House, Canberra

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Ministers attending

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Secretariat

Gerry McNally, Committee Secretary

Aisha Bottrill, Estimates Officer



Due dates for questions on notice (QoNs)

12 June 2026: Senators' written QoNs

24 July 2026: answers to QoNs

Tuesday, 2 June 2026

Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio

9.00am	Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Cross-portfolio, Corporate and Enabling Services and general matters
10.45am	Break
11.00am	Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations Program 3.1 – Workplace Support Program 3.2 – Workers' Compensation Payments
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Outcome 3 (continued)
4.00pm	Break
4.15pm	Outcome 3 (continued)
5.15pm	Fair Work Commission
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	Fair Work Commission (continued)
8.25pm	Break
8.35pm	Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman
10.00pm	Adjournment

Wednesday 3 June 2026

Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio

9.00am	<p>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</p> <p>Outcome 1 – Employment Program 1.1 – Employment Services</p> <p>Closing the Gap Outcome 8: Strong economic participation and development of people and their communities</p>
11.00am	Break
11.15am	<p>Outcome 1 (continued) Closing the Gap Outcome 8 (continued)</p>
12.15pm	Comcare
1.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm	Safe Work Australia
3.15pm	Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation
4.15pm	Break
4.30pm	<p>Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</p> <p>Outcome 2 – Skills and Training (including Jobs and Skills Australia) Program 2.1 – Building Skills and Capacity Program 2.2 – VET Student Loans Program 2.3 – DEWR – Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program</p> <p>Closing the Gap Outcome 7 – Youth are engaged in employment and education</p>
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	<p>Outcome 2 (continued) Closing the Gap Outcome 7 (continued)</p>
8.45pm	Break

9.00pm	Australian Skills Quality Authority
10.00pm	Adjournment

Thursday 4 June 2026

Education portfolio

9.00am	Department of Education Corporate and Enabling Services
10.30am	Break
10.45am	Outcome 1 – Schools and Youth Program 1.3 – Government Schools National Support Program 1.4 – Non-Government Schools National Support Program 1.5 – Early Learning and Schools Support Closing the Gap Outcome 5: Students achieve their full learning potential
12.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm	Outcome 1 – Schools and Youth (continued) Closing the Gap Outcome 5 (continued)
2.45pm	Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
3.30pm	Break
3.45pm	Australian Education Research Organisation
4.30pm	Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited
5.15pm	Department of Education Outcome 1 – Early Childhood Program 1.1 – Support for the Child Care System Program 1.2 – Child Care Subsidy Closing the Gap Outcome 3 – Children are engaged in high quality, culturally appropriate early childhood education in their early years Closing the Gap Outcome 4 – Children thrive in their early years
6.15pm	Dinner

7.15pm	Outcome 1 – Early Childhood (continued) Closing the Gap Outcome 3 (continued) Closing the Gap Outcome 4 (continued)
9.00pm	Break
9.15pm	Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority
10.00pm	Adjournment

Friday 5 June 2026

Education portfolio

9.00am	<p>Department of Education</p> <p>Outcome 2 – Higher Education, Research and International Program 2.1 – Core Commonwealth Funding for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Program 2.2 – Higher Education Superannuation Program Program 2.3 – Higher Education Support Program 2.4 – Higher Education Loan Program Program 2.5 – Investment in Higher Education Research Program 2.6 – Research Capacity Program 2.7 – International Education Support Program 2.8 – Nuclear Powered Submarine Program</p> <p>Closing the Gap Outcome 6 – Students reach their full potential through further education pathways</p>
11.00am	Break
11.15am	<p>Outcome 2 (continued) Closing the Gap Outcome 6 (continued)</p>
1.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm	Australian National University
3.15pm	Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency
4.00pm	Break
4.15pm	Australian Research Council
5.00pm	Adjournment