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Supplementary Budget Estimates 2026–26

Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Wednesday, 3 December – Thursday, 4 December

Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



Hearing location

Committee Room 2S3
Parliament House, Canberra
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Senator Mehreen Faruqi
Senator Corinne Mulholland
Senator Josh Dolega
Senator Dave Sharma

Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Murray Watt
Senator the Hon Dr Jess Walsh

Secretariat

Gerry McNally, Committee Secretary
Aisha Bottrill, Estimates Officer



Due dates for Questions on Notice

Written questions: 11 December 2025
Answers: 29 January 2025

Wednesday, 3 December

Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Cross-portfolio, Corporate and Enabling Services, and general matters
10.00am	Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations (continued) 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
12.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm	Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations (continued) 3.1: Workplace Support 3.2: Worker's Compensation Payments
2:15pm	Break
2.30pm	Outcome 1 – Employment 1.1: Employment Services Closing the Gap Outcome 8: Strong economic participation and development of people and their communities
4:00pm	Afternoon tea
4.15pm	Outcome 1 – Employment (continued) 1.1: Employment Services Closing the Gap Outcome 8: Strong economic participation and development of people and their communities (continued)
4.45pm	Outcome 2: Skills and Training (including Jobs and Skills Australia) 2.1: Building Skills and Capacity 2.2: VET Student Loans 2.3: DEWR – Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program Closing the Gap Outcome 7: Youth are engaged in employment and education
5.45pm	Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman
6.45pm	Dinner break
7.45pm	Fair Work Commission
9.00pm	Comcare
9.30pm	Tea break

9.45pm	Safe Work Australia
10.15pm	Australian Skills Quality Authority
10.45pm	Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation
11.00pm	Adjournment

Thursday, 4 December

Education Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Education Corporate and Enabling Services
10.00am	Outcome 1: Schools and Youth 1.3: Government Schools National Support 1.4: Non-Government Schools National Support 1.5: Early Learning and Schools Support Closing the Gap Outcome 5: : Students achieve their full learning potential
10.30am	Morning tea
10.45am	Outcome 1: Schools and Youth (continued) Closing the Gap Outcome 5: Students achieve their full learning potential (continued)
12.15pm	Lunch
1.15pm	Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited
1.45pm	Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
2:15pm	Outcome 1: Early Childhood 1.1: Support for the Childcare System 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
3.00pm	Afternoon tea
3:15pm	Outcome 1: Early Childhood (continued) Closing the Gap Outcome 3: Children are engaged in high quality, culturally appropriate early childhood education in their early years (continued) Closing the Gap Outcome 4: Children thrive in their early years (continued)
4:15pm	Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority

5.00pm	Outcome 2: Higher Education, Research and International 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 Closing the Gap Outcome 6: Students reach their full potential through further education pathways
6:00pm	Dinner
7.00pm	Outcome 2: Higher Education, Research and International (continued) Closing the Gap Outcome 6: Students reach their full potential through further education pathways (continued)
8.00pm	Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency
8.45pm	Tea break
9.00pm	Australian Research Council
10.00pm	Adjournment