## Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee
## Budget Estimates 2021-22
## Tuesday, 1 June 2021
## Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Education and Employment Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.00am to 11.00pm.

The committee called the Attorney-General's Department who are responsible for Employment and Industrial Relations.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- Senator Cash's priorities as the new Industrial Relations Minister;
- historical data regarding casual employment and casual conversion;
- Mrs Sophie Mirabella's appointment as a Fair Work Commissioner in May 2021;
- Government's budget commitments to develop and improve 'Reg-Tech';
- minimum wages for workers in the gig economy and the work being done to improve the safety of gig economy workers;
- Attorney-General's response to the Respect@Work report and its recommendations;
- funding for the Fair Work Ombudsman;
- Fair Entitlements Guarantee (FEG); follow up from questions at Additional estimates 2020-21 regarding Ovato Printing and their use of the FEG;
- access to FEG by migrant workers;
- percentage of aged care workers in casual and part-time contracts;
- return on investments for the FEG and how they compare with private litigators;
- labour hire worker payrates compared to full-time employees within the same company conducting the same work;
- gig economy workers classified as contractors and their capacity to negotiate the terms of their employment; and
- Boland Report recommendations endorsed by the Attorney-General's Department and the progress of industrial manslaughter laws.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Wednesday, 2 June in Committee Room 2S3, calling:

- Agencies under the responsibility of the Attorney-General's Department including Safe Work Australia; Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Corporation; Comcare; Australian Building and Construction Commission; Registered Organisations Commission; Fair Work Commission; and Fair Work Ombudsman.