



Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2021-22
Thursday, 3 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 Department of Education, Skills and Employment.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- Government's childcare policy announced on 2 May;
- workforce strategies for early childhood and childcare;
- childcare out-of-pocket costs, overall costs and childcare subsidies;
- resources used by the Respect Matters program to support respectful relationships;
- development of a National Youth Policy Framework by the Youth Taskforce;
- expected repayment of student debt from the Higher Education Loan Program;
- University undergraduate enrolments;
- funding for the National Skills Agreement;
- Commonwealth Scholarship Program funding allocation for South Australia;
- funding and uptake of various incentives provided by the government to encourage apprentices and trainees, particularly the Supporting Apprentices and Trainees (SAT) and Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements (BAC) measures;
- mutual obligations for job seekers receiving income support and the Employer Reporting line;
- new Employment Services model; and
- appointment of the new Minister for Employment, Workforce, Skills, Small and Family Business, Minister Stuart Robert;
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The Committee will next meet at **9.00am** on Friday, 4 June in Senate Committee Room 2S3, calling:

- Agencies within the Education, Skills and Employment portfolio including, Australian Research Council, Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency, Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority, Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership, National Skills Commission, National Centre for Vocational Education Research, and Australian Skills Quality Authority.