



Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee  
Budget Estimates 2021-22  
Friday, 4 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 5.13pm.

The committee called the agencies under the responsibility of the Department of Education, Skills and Employment 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.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- grants not approved by the ARC due to “sensitivities” and national security concerns;
- Minister delays for research approved by ARC;
- research funding within the budget;
- APS staff census results indicating a higher level of bullying and harassment at TEQSA;
- TEQSA’s consultations regarding Provider Category Standards reforms and potential cost-recovery modelling;
- draft proposed changes to the National Curriculum, including consultation and engagement with stakeholders in the education sector;
- management of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN);
- Under-resourced schools and the challenges facing schools regarding shortages of full-time and casual teachers;
- falling NAPLAN results;
- National Skills Training Register funding;
- National Skills Priority list curated by the National Skills Commissioner;
- NCVER data provided to departments;
- ASQA’s new senior leadership appointments; and
- updates to ASQA’s organisational structure following the recent Rapid Review into ASQA.

This concludes the Education and Employment Budget estimates 2021-22. No spill-over day is required.