



Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2019-20
Thursday, 24 October 2019
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 6.11pm.

The committee called the department and agencies of the Education portfolio. The committee took evidence from the Department of Education, Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA), Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership, Australian Research Council (ARC), and Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- coordination between departments and agencies following Administrative Arrangements Orders and Machinery of Government changes;
- preschool funding agreements;
- preschool and primary school enrolment and attendance;
- Choice and Affordability Fund;
- Additional Child Care Subsidy (child wellbeing);
- infrastructure funding for schools;
- Commonwealth investment in university research;
- review of the Higher Education Provider Category Standards;
- TEQSA's work on contract cheating;
- ARC's support for indigenous researchers;
- ARC's staffing levels and turnover in 2018-19;
- timeframes for the release of ARC grants to applicants;
- definition of the national interest test for research proposals; and
- timeframe for full transition to online NAPLAN.