

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: Additional Estimates 2004-05

Wednesday, 16 and Thursday, 17 February 2005

**Committee Room 2S3
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2005

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING PORTFOLIO

9.00am CROSS PORTFOLIO

**Australian Research Council (ARC)
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)**

Questacon

Outcome 3 Australia has a strong science, research and innovation capacity and is engaged internationally on science, education and training to advance our social development and economic growth

Output 3.4 *National leadership in engaging people in science and technology*

Output Group 3.4 *Questacon*

Science Group

Outcome 3 Australia has a strong science, research and innovation capacity and is engaged internationally on science, education and training to advance our social development and economic growth

Output 3.2 *Assistance for science collaboration and innovation*

Co-operative Research Centres

Major National Research Facilities

Management of Former Atomic Test Sites
National Radioactive Waste Management
Defence of Common Law – Atomic Tests
Innovation Access

Schools Group

Outcome 1 Individuals achieve high quality foundation skills and learning outcomes from schools and other providers

Output 1.1 Funding for schools

*States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000 and
Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement through Choice and
Opportunity) Act 2004*
Schools Infrastructure – investing in out schools
Australian Technical Colleges

Output 1.2 Assistance for individuals, including those with special needs

*States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000 and
Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement through Choice and
Opportunity) Act 2004*
Student Assistance Act 1973
Assistance for Isolated Children

Output 1.3 Assistance for quality teaching and learning

*States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000 and
Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement through Choice and
Opportunity) Act 2004*
Language Other Than English
Quality Outcomes
Grants and Awards related to School education
Online Curriculum Content for Australian Schools
Grants to School Libraries

Australian National Training Authority (ANTA), Vocational Education and Training (VET) Group

Outcome 2 Individuals achieve relevant skills and learning outcomes from post school education and training for work and life

Output 2.1 Funding for vocational education systems and training

Vocational Education and Training Funding Act 1992
National Programmes (Section 11, ANTA Act 1992)
National Council for Vocational Education Research Ltd (NCVER)

Output 2.2 New Apprenticeships

New Apprenticeships Centres
Support for New Apprenticeships
New Apprenticeship Workforce Development
New Apprenticeship Access Programme

Output 2.3 Assistance for skills and career development

Workplace English Language and Literacy
Career Counselling and Information
Language, Literacy and Numeracy Training
Improving IT Skills for Older Workers
Disability Co-ordination Officers
Tasmanian Tourism Employment Training Initiative

Indigenous and Transitions Group

Outcome 1 Individuals achieve high quality foundation skills and learning outcomes from schools and other providers

Output 1.2 Assistance for individuals, including those with special needs

Student Assistance Act 1973

ABSTUDY – Secondary

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000

Indigenous Education Direct Assistance (Annual Appropriations Act)

Output 1.4 Assistance for transition through and from school

Careers, Transitions and Partnerships

Outcome 2 Individuals achieve relevant skills and learning outcomes from post school education and training for work and life

Output 2.5 Assistance for post school students including those with special needs

ABSTUDY – Tertiary

ABSTUDY Student Financial Supplement Scheme

Youth Allowance

AUSTUDY

Student Financial Supplement Scheme - AUSTUDY

Higher Education Group

Outcome 2 Individuals achieve relevant skills and learning outcomes from post school education and training for work and life

Output 2.4 Funding for Higher Education

Higher Education Funding Act 1988 & Higher Education Support Act 2003

Framework for Open Learning

Output 2.5 Assistance for post school students including those with special needs

Loans Schemes (HECS, PELS, OLDPS, ABSTUDY, SFSS, BOTPLS)

Book Subsidy Scheme

Output Group 3.1 Research infrastructure

Higher Education Funding Act 1988 & Higher Education Support Act 2003

International Education Group (IEG)

Outcome 3 Australia has a strong science, research and innovation capacity and is engaged internationally on science, education and training to advance our social development and economic growth

Output 3.3 Support for the Australian education and training export industry and international relationships

International Education and Training

Assessment Fee Subsidy for Overseas Trained Australian

Residents (ASDOT)

Anglo Australian Telescope Board

THURSDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2005

Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio

**9.00am Office of Employment Advocate (OEA)
Cross Portfolio Questions**

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplaces

Output 2.1: *Workplace relations policy and analysis*

Workplace relations policy advice
Workplace relations legislation development

Administered items:

Workplace Reform – Secret Ballots
International Labour Organisation subscription

Output 2.2: *Workplace relations implementation*

Advocacy
Industry and Australian Government Employment advice
Assistance to the Employment Advocate
Australian Workplace Agreements (AWA) assessment
Assistance and advice on the workplace Relations Act. AWAs and freedom of association provisions
Workplace relations services
Employee entitlement safety net schemes (see administered items)
Building Industry Taskforce
Office of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council
Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner

Administered items:

General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme
Special Employee Entitlements Scheme for Ansett Group Employees
Coal Mining Industry Act 1992

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective Labour market assistance

Output 1.1: *Working age payments*

Working age payments and compliance

Administered items:

Disability Support Pension
Mature Age Allowance
Newstart Allowance
Parenting Payment Single
Parenting Payment Partnered
Sickness Allowance (other than students)
Youth allowance (other than students)
Mobility Allowance
Partner Allowance (Pension & Benefit)
Widow Allowance
Pensioner Education Supplement
Personal Support Payment

Output 1.2: *Labour market program management and delivery*

Information, referral and support services
Employment Services
Indigenous Employment programmes
Mutual Obligation initiatives
Employment preparation services

Administered items:

Job Network
Work for the Dole
Indigenous Employment
Transition to Work

Job Placement, Employment & Training (JPET)
Green Corps
Employment Assistance (Disability Open Employment Services)
Payment to Voluntary Work Agencies
Rehabilitation Services
Vocational Rehabilitation

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output 3.1: *Working age policy*

Working age policy and legislation
Research and evaluation

Output 3.2: *Labour market strategies*

Labour market analysis
Industry and labour supply strategies
CDEP management (Community Development Employment Projects)

Administered items:

Community Development Employment Projects
Business Development Assistance Programme

Australian Industrial Relations Commission and Australian Industrial Registry
Comcare; Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission and Seafarers'
Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority
The National Occupational Health & Safety Commission
Indigenous Business Australia

These times are approximate and will depend on hearing proceedings.

Proposed	10.45-11.00am	Morning tea
Breaks	12.30-1.30pm	Lunch
	4.00-4.15pm	Afternoon tea
	6.30-7.30pm	Dinner
	9.00-9.15pm	Tea Break
	11.00pm	Suspension (Wednesday-Thursday)

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