

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 our 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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