

# The Senate BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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## SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Public Hearings: Additional Estimates for 2005-06**

**Wednesday, 15 and Thursday, 16 February 2006**

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

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**WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2006**

### **Education, Science and Training**

**9.00am**      **Australian Research Council (ARC)**  
**Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)**  
**Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)**

#### **Department of Education, Science and Training**

**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*

Cooperative Research Centres  
Major National Research Facilities  
Management of Former Atomic Test Sites  
National Radioactive Waste Management  
Defence of Common Law – Atomic Tests  
Innovation Access  
Science Connections

#### **Cross Portfolio**

**Innovation and Research Systems Group**  
*Outcome 3*

Grant-in-Aid – Education and Research Associations  
Grants for Research

Grants for Learned Academies  
Collaborative Research and Infrastructure  
Anglo Australian Telescope Board  
Framework for Open Learning

### **Higher Education Group**

***Outcome 2 – Individuals achieve relevant skills and learning outcomes from post-school education and training***

Higher Education Special Projects  
Loans Schemes (HECS, PELS, OLDPS, ABSTUDY, SFSS, BOTPLS)  
Book Subsidy Scheme

### **Vocational Training and Education Groups**

***(National Training Directions and Industry Skills)***

***Outcome 2***

Vocational Education and Training – priority places  
National Programmes (Section 11, ANTA Act 1992)  
National Council for Vocational Education Research Ltd (NCVER)  
New Apprenticeships Centres  
Support for New Apprenticeships  
New Apprenticeships Workforce Skills Development  
New Apprenticeships Access Programme  
Workplace English Language and Literacy  
Language, Literacy and Numeracy Training  
Basic IT Enabling Skills for Older Workers  
Disability Coordination Officers  
Tasmanian Tourism Employment Training Initiative  
School of Fine Furniture

### **Schools Group**

***(Schools Resources and Schools Outcomes)***

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

Schools Infrastructure – Investing in Our Schools  
Australian Technical Colleges  
Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)  
National Literacy and Numeracy strategies and projects  
Language Other Than English (LOTE)  
Quality Outcomes  
Grants and Awards related to School education  
Online Curriculum Content for Australian Schools

### **Indigenous and Transitions Group**

***Outcome 1***

Careers, Transitions and Partnerships  
Australian Network of Industry Career Advisors (ANICA)  
Indigenous Education Direct Assistance

### **Strategic Analysis and Evaluation Group**

***Income Support and Student Branch***

***Outcome 1***

ABSTUDY – Secondary

***Outcome 2***

ABSTUDY – Tertiary  
Youth Allowance  
Austudy

Student Financial Supplement Scheme - AUSTUDY  
ABSTUDY – Secondary

**International Education Group**

**Outcome 2**

Higher Education Contribution to Australian Education International

**Outcome 3**

International Education and Training

Assessment Fee Subsidy for Overseas Training Australian Residents (ASDOT)

**THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2006**

## **Employment and Workplace Relations**

### **Department of Employment and Workplace Relations**

**9.00am**

**Output 1.2: Labour market program management and delivery**

Indigenous employment services; and

**Output 3.2: Labour market strategies**

CDEP management (Community Development Employment Projects)

**Administered items:**

Community Development Employment Projects

**Outcome 1: Efficient and effective Labour market assistance; and**

**Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation**

**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

**Output 1.2: Labour market program management and delivery**

Information, referral and support services

Employment Services

Mutual obligation initiatives

Employment preparation services

**Administered items:**

Job Network

Work for the Dole

Transition to Work

Indigenous Employment

**Job Placement, Employment & Training (JPET)**  
**Green Corps**  
**Employment Assistance & other Services (Disability Open Employment Services)**  
**Personal Support Program**  
**Payment to Voluntary Work Agencies**  
**Rehabilitation Services**

**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

1.30pm

**Indigenous Business Australia (IBA)**

**Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency (EOWA)**

**Comcare;**  
**Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission; and Seafarers' Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority**

**Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC)**

**Office of the 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**

Industry and Australian government employment advice  
Assistance to the Employment Advocate  
Workplace relations services  
Employee entitlement safety net schemes (see administered items)  
Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal  
Secretariat to the Remuneration Tribunal  
Office of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council  
Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner  
Australian Fair Pay Commission (new)

**Administered items:**

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

**These times are approximate and will depend on hearing proceedings.**

<b>Proposed</b>	Morning tea	10.45-11.00am
<b>Breaks</b>		
Lunch		12.30-1.30pm
Afternoon tea		3.45-4.00pm
Dinner		6.30-7.30pm
Tea Break		9.00-9.15pm
Adjournment		11.00pm
(Wednesday-Thursday)		

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