

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION

Public Hearings: **ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2006-07**

Wednesday, 14 and Thursday, 15 February 2007

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

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Education, Science and Training Portfolio

9.00am

Australian Research Council (ARC)

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)

Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)

Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)

Department of Education, Science and Training

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Science Group

Outcome 3 – Output 3.2

Cooperative Research Centres
Major National Research Facilities
National Radioactive Waste Management
Defence of Common Law – Atomic Tests
International Science Linkages
Science Connections Programme
Museum of Economic Botany

Cross Portfolio

Outcome 1 - Drought Assistance

Innovation and Research Systems Group

Outcome 3 - Output 3.1

Higher Education Support Act 2003(RIBGs, IGS, RTS, APA, RPS)
National Collaborative Research and Infrastructure
Framework for Open Learning

Higher Education Group

Outcome 2

Higher Education Support Act 2003 and Higher Education Funding Act 1988
Higher Education Special Projects
Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council
Loan Schemes (HECS, HELP, PELS, OLDPS, BOTPLS)
Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education Ltd
Alfred Deakin Institute
Larry Knight Scholarship
National Action Plan for Social Cohesion, Harmony & Security - Establishment of an Islamic Studies Centre
COAG Health Workforce

Vocational Training and Education Groups

(National Training Directions and Industry Skills)

Outcome 2

Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005
Vocational and Technical Education – Priority Places & National Programmes
National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd
New Apprenticeship Centres
Support for New Apprenticeships
New Apprenticeships - Workforce Skills Development & Access Programme
Workplace English Language and Literacy
Career Planning
Language, Literacy and Numeracy Training
Basic IT Enabling Skills for Older Workers
Disability Coordination Officers
Targeted Training Initiatives
Skills for the Future – business skills vouchers for apprentices, incentives for higher technical skills and work skills vouchers.

Outcome 1

Australian Technical Colleges

Schools Group

(Schools Resources and Schools Outcomes)

Outcome 1

Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004
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
Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Ltd
National Schools Chaplaincy Programme
National Action Plan for Social Cohesion, Harmony & Security – pilot programmes
Australian History Prize
Addressing Violence and Child Abuse in Indigenous Communities – establishment of a National Schools Attendance Unit

Indigenous and Transitions Group

Outcome 1

Careers, Transitions and Partnerships
Community Festivals
Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000
Tiwi Islands Secondary College

Strategic Analysis and Evaluation Group

Income Support and Student Branch

Outcome 1

ABSTUDY – Secondary

Outcome 2

ABSTUDY – Tertiary
Youth Allowance
Austudy
Loan Schemes (Austudy, ABSTUDY)

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)
Australian American Fulbright Commission
University College Dublin – Keith Cameron Chair of Australian History

THURSDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2007

Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio

9.00am

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations**Outcome 1 and Outcome 3****Output 1.1:** *Working age payments***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
Simplified Superannuation
Income Support ex gratia payment

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

Job Network
Work for the Dole
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
New Compliance Framework
Cyclone Larry – wage assistance programme

Output 3.1: *Working age policy***Output 3.2:** *Labour market strategies***Administered items:**

Community Development Employment Projects
Visas – improvements to the management of temporary skilled migration

Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC)

Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat (AFPC)

**Australian Industrial Relations Commission & Australian Industrial Registry
(AIRC/AIR)**

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

Office of Workplace Services (OWS)

Office of the Employment Advocate (OEA)

Cross Portfolio Questions

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplaces

Output 2.1: *Workplace relations policy and analysis*

Administered items:

Workplace Reform – Secret Ballots

International Labour Organisation subscription

Output 2.2: *Workplace relations implementation*

Administered items:

General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme

Special Employee Entitlements Scheme for Ansett Group Employees

Coal Mining Industry Act 1992

Unlawful termination of Employment Scheme

Alternative Dispute Resolution Scheme

Workplace Relations Reform – WorkChoices Employer Advisor Programme

These times are approximate and will depend on hearing proceedings.

PROPOSED BREAKS	10.45-11.00am	Morning tea
	12.30-1.30pm	Lunch
	3.45-4.00pm	Afternoon tea
	6.30-7.30pm	Dinner
	9.00-9.15pm	Tea Break
	11.00pm	Adjournment

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