

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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*It should be noted that times allocated for the consideration of outcomes, items and agencies within portfolios are indicative only.*

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### SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**Public Hearings:            Budget Estimates for 2006-07**

**Monday, 29 to Thursday, 1 June 2006**

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

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#### MONDAY, 29 MAY 2006

### **Employment and Workplace Relations**

**9.00am**

**Department of Employment and Workplace Relations**

**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**

**Utilities Allowance**

**Widow Allowance**

**Pensioner Education Supplement**

**New Compliance Framework  
Cyclone Larry – wage assistance**

**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**  
**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

**Office of the Employment Advocate (OEA)**

**TUESDAY, 30 MAY 2006**

**Employment and Workplace Relations**

**9.00am** **Office of the Employment Advocate (OEA) (continued)**

**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

**Administered items:**

**General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme**  
**Special Employee Entitlements Scheme for Ansett Group Employees**  
**Coal Mining Industry Act 1992**  
**Asbestos Claims**  
**Workplace Relations Reform – Unlawful Termination Assistance Scheme**  
**Workplace Relations Reform – Alternative Dispute Resolution Scheme**

**1.30pm**

**Output 1.2:** Labour market program management and delivery  
Indigenous employment programmes; and

**Administered items:**

**Indigenous Employment**

**Output 3.2:** Labour market strategies

CDEP management (Community Development Employment Projects)

**Administered items:**

**Community Development Employment Projects**

**Agencies:**

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

**Comcare;**

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

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

**Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat (AFPC)**

**Office of Workplace Services (OWS)**

**Indigenous Business Australia (IBA)**

**WEDNESDAY, 31 MAY 2006**

**Education, Science and Training**

**9.00am**

**Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)**

**Australian Research Council (ARC)**

**Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) (Sydney)**

## **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
- International Science Linkages
- Science Connections
- Anglo Australian Telescope Board

### **Cross Portfolio**

#### **Innovation and Research Systems Group**

##### **Outcome 3**

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

#### **Indigenous and Transitions Group**

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

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

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

##### **Income Support for Students Branch**

###### **Outcome 1**

- ABSTUDY – Secondary

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

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

## **THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 2006**

**9.00am**

#### **Higher Education Group**

##### **Outcome 2**

- Higher Education Support Act 2003 and Higher Education Funding Act 1988
- Higher Education Special Projects
- Loan Schemes (HECS, HELP, PELS, OLDPS, BOTPLS)
- Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education Ltd

#### **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  
 Vocational and Technical Education – National Programmes  
 National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd  
 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  
 Targeted Training Initiatives

**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

**International Education Group**

**Outcome 3**

International Education and Training  
 Assessment Fee Subsidy for Overseas Training Australian Residents (ASDOT)

<b>Proposed breaks</b>	<b>These times are approximate and will depend on hearing proceedings.</b>	
	10.45-11.00am	Morning tea
	12.30-1.30pm	Lunch
	3.45-4.00pm	Afternoon tea
	3.00-4.00pm	Suspension Monday including afternoon tea
	4.00-5.00pm	Suspension Tuesday including afternoon tea
	6.30-7.30pm	Dinner
	9.00-9.15pm	Tea Break
	11.00pm	Suspension (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday)
	11.45pm	Suspension Tuesday

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