

The Senate BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

This document is issued as a guide to Senators
Business listed is subject to change

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

Senators, staff and departments should liaise with secretariats on the progress of portfolios during the estimates process.

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION

Public Hearings: **Budget Estimates for 2007-08**

Monday, 28 May to Thursday, 31 May 2007

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

*To be televised on Channel 11, Radio 91.1
<http://webcast.aph.gov.au>*

AGENDA

MONDAY, 28 MAY 2007

9.00am Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio

The Workplace Authority (formerly OEA)

**Department of Employment and Workplace Relations
Cross Portfolio**

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplaces
Output 2.1 (Workplace relations policy and analysis)

Administered items:

International Labour Organisation subscription

Output 2.2 (Workplace relations implementation)

Administered items:

General Employee Entitlements & Redundancy Scheme

Special Employee Entitlements Scheme for Ansett Group Employees

Coal Mining Industry (LSL Funding) Act 1992

Unlawful termination of Employment Scheme

Alternative Dispute Resolution Scheme

Asbestos

Workplace Reform – Secret Ballots

The Workplace Ombudsman (formerly OWS)

TUESDAY, 29 MAY 2007

9.00am Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio

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

Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat (AFPC)

Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace (EOWA)

Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

Outcomes 1 & 3

Output 1.1 (Working age payments)

Administered items:

Disability Support Pension

Mature Age Allowance

Mobility Allowance

Newstart Allowance

Parenting Payment (Single)

Parenting Payment (Partnered)

Partner Allowance Pension & Benefit

Pensioner Education Supplement

Sickness Allowance (other than students)

Utilities Allowance

Widow Allowance

Youth allowance (other than students)

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

Rehabilitation Services

Modified Compliance Framework

Cyclone Larry – wage assistance programme

Other – Ex Gratia

Output 3.1 (Working age policy)

Output 3.2 (Labour market strategies)

Administered items:

Community Development Employment Projects

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA)

Comcare (not examined)

Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC) (not examined)

WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY 2007

9.00am Education, Science and Training Portfolio

Australian Research Council (ARC)

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)

1:30pm Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)

**Department of Education, Science and Training
Cross Portfolio**

Science Group

Outcome 5 (Science, Research and Innovation)

Administered Items:

Radioactive Waste Management
Defence of Common Law – Atomic Tests (RRWM)
International Science Linkages
Science Connections Programme

Innovation and Research Systems Group

Outcome 5 (Science, Research and Innovation)

Administered Items:

Research Quality and Accessibility
Research Infrastructure Block Grants
Research Training
Institutional Grants Scheme
Regional Protection Scheme
Higher Education Research Promotion
Systemic Infrastructure Programme
National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy
Synchrotron
Framework for Open Learning Programme
Cooperative Research Centres
Anglo- Australian Telescope Board

THURSDAY, 31 MAY 2007

9.00am Education, Science and Training Portfolio

Department of Education, Science and Training (Continued)

Higher Education Group

Outcome 2 (Higher Education)

Administered Items:

Commonwealth Grants Scheme (CGS)
Regional Loading
Enabling Loading
Workplace Productivity Programme
Workplace Reform Programme
Superannuation Programme
Capital Development Pool
Collaboration and Structural Reform Programme
Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund
Quality Initiatives

Learning and Teaching Performance Fund
National Institutes
Equity Programmes
Open Learning Initiative
Transition Fund
Higher Education Loan Programmes
Learning Scholarships
Higher Education Special Projects
Higher Education Contribution to Aust Education International
Superannuation Payments for Former Commissioners

Industry Skills Development Group

Outcome 3 (Vocational Education and Training)

Administered Items:

School of Fine Furniture
Tasmanian Community Forestry Agreement Training Initiative

National Training Directions Group

Outcome 1 (School Education)

Administered Items:

Australian Technical Colleges

Outcome 3 (Vocational Education and Training)

Administered Items:

Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005
FEE HELP for Vocational Education and Training Courses
Vocational and Technical Education – National Programmes
National Centre for Vocational Education Research Ltd
Australian Apprenticeships Centres
Support for Australian Apprenticeships
Australian Apprenticeships Workforce Skills Development
Australian Apprenticeships Access Programme
Workplace English Language and Literacy
Language, Literacy and Numeracy Training

Schools Resources & Schools Outcomes Groups

Outcome 1 (School Education)

Administered Items:

Schools General Recurrent Grants
Schools Capitol Grants
Investing in Our Schools
Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs
Schools Country Areas
Schools English as a Second Language
Schools Languages Programme
Non-Government School Term Hostels
Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)
Boarding Schools Upgrade
Projects to Enhance Literacy and Numeracy Outcomes
Reading Assistance Vouchers
Literacy and Numeracy Vouchers
Australian Government Quality Teacher Programme
Targeted Quality Outcomes
Values Education and Civics and Citizenship Education
Parliament and Civics Education Rebate
Innovation in Science, Technology and Mathematics Teaching
National Schools Drug Education Strategy
National School Attendance Unit
National Schools Chaplaincy Programme
Online Curriculum Content for Australian Schools
Grants and Awards
Summer Schools for Teachers

Indigenous and Transitions Group

Outcome 1 (School Education)

Administered Items:

Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives
Superannuation Benefits for Aboriginal Tutor Assistance Scheme

Outcome 2 (Higher Education)

Administered Items:

Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council
Indigenous Support Fund

Outcome 4 (Transitions)

Administered Items:

Careers, Transitions and Partnerships
Community festivals
Career Planning
National Disability Coordination Officers Programme

Strategic Analysis and Evaluation Group

Outcome 2 (Higher Education)

Administered Items:

ABSTUDY
ABSTUDY Student Financial Supplement Loans
Youth Allowance
Austudy
Austudy Student Financial Supplement Scheme
Fares Allowance

International Education Group

Outcome 6 (International Influence)

Administered Items:

International Postgraduate Research Scholarship Scheme
International Education and Training
Assessment Fee Subsidy for Overseas Trained Australian Residents (ASDOT)

PROPOSED	Morning tea	10:30am - 10:45am
BREAKS	Lunch	12:30pm - 1:30pm
	Afternoon tea	3:45pm - 4:00pm
	Dinner	6:30pm – 7:30pm
	Tea Break	9:00pm – 9:15pm

Committee Chair: Senator the Hon. J/ Troeth
Committee Secretariat — Ph (02) 6277 3520 Committee Mobile: 0416 277 018
Committee Room 2S3 — Ph (02) 6277 5853
Waiting Room 2S2 — Ph (02) 6277 5851, Fax 6277 3368

Please note all indicated times are approximate and will depend on hearing proceedings.