

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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### 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*  
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#### 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)

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

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