

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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### SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**Public Hearings: Budget Estimates for 2008-09**

**Monday 2, Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4, and Thursday 5 June 2008**

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

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#### DRAFT AGENDA

#### MONDAY, 2 JUNE 2008

### **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio**

**Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**  
*(Employment and Workplace Relations)*

**9:00am Outcome 7 Labour Market Assistance AND  
Outcome 8 Workforce Participation**

Working Age Policy

Labour Market Strategies

Administered Items

Labour Market Program Management and Delivery:

Job Network; Job Placement Services; New Enterprise Incentive Scheme; Harvest Labour Services; Disability Employment Assistance and Other Services; Work for the Dole; Indigenous Employment; Personal Support Program; Green Corps; Job Placement Employment and Training; Vocational Rehabilitation Services; Modified Compliance Framework.

Ex Gratia Payment

*Social Security (Administration) Act 1999:*

Newstart Allowance; Youth Allowance (other); Parenting Payment; Pensioner Education Supplement; Mobility Allowance; Sickness Allowance; Widow Allowance; Partner Allowance; Mature Age Allowance; Utilities Allowance; Widow Allowance Ex Gratia Payment.

*Coal Mining Industry (Long Service Leave Funding) Act 1992* financing arrangements

## **Outcome 9 More Productive and Safer Workplaces**

### Administered Items

Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme (ADRAS)  
Unlawful Termination Assistance Schemes (UTAS)  
General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme (GEERS)  
International Labour Organisation Subscription  
Secret Ballots (Protected Action Ballots Scheme – PABS)  
HomeWorkers Code of Practice Program (HWCP)  
Small Business Work and Family (SBWF) Grants program

**3:00pm Cross Portfolio**

**TUESDAY, 3 JUNE 2008**

## **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio**

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**9:00am Comcare**

**The Workplace Authority**

**The Workplace Ombudsman**

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

**Australian Industrial Registry (AIR)**

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

**Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations *(cont.)***  
***(Employment and Workplace Relations)***

**Outcome 7 Labour Market Assistance AND  
Outcome 8 Workforce Participation *(cont. if required)***

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## **WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2008**

# **Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio**

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

*(Education)*

### **9:00am Schools Groups**

Teaching Australia

Outcome 2 – School Education

#### Administered Items:

Drought Assistance for Schools

Helping Children with Autism

National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools

Even Start National Tuition Program

National Curriculum Board for Australian Schools

National School Chaplaincy Program

Online Curriculum Content for Australian Schools

Australian Government Quality Teacher Program

Closing the Gap for Indigenous Australians

Digital Education Revolution

Trade Training Centres in Schools

National Action Plan for Literacy and Numeracy

Schools General Recurrent Grants

Schools Capital Grants

Schools Infrastructure

Investing in Our Schools

Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs (LNSLN)

Country Areas program

English as a Second Language

Schools Languages Program

Non-Government School Term Hostels

Strategic Assistance for Improving Student Outcomes

Assistance for Isolated Children

Superannuation benefits for Aboriginal Tutor Assistance Scheme

Targeted Quality Outcomes

Values Education, Civics and Citizenship Education

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

Innovation, Science, Technology and Mathematics Teaching

National School Drug Education Strategy

Grants and Awards

Outcome 5 – Transitions and Youth

#### Administered Items:

Careers, Transitions and Partnerships

Career Planning

Youth Engagement

### **Early Childhood Education and Child Care Groups**

Outcome 1 – Early Childhood Education and Child Care

#### Administered Items

Child Care for eligible parents undergoing training

Support for Child Care

Support for Child Care SPP

Child Care Benefit (CCB)  
Child Care Tax Rebate (CCTR)

**Indigenous Education Group**

Outcome 2 – School Education

Administered Items:

Indigenous Education strategic initiatives

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

Administered Items

Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council (IHEC)

Indigenous Support Fund

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**THURSDAY, 5 JUNE**

**Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio *(cont.)***

**Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations  
*(Education)***

**REVISED AGENDA**

**Vocational and Technical Education Groups**

Skills Australia

Outcome 4 – Vocational Education and Training

Administered Items:

National Programs

National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER)

Australian Apprenticeships Centres

Support for Australian Apprenticeships

Apprenticeship Wage Top-up; Apprenticeship Training Vouchers; Tools for Your Trade; Group

Training Australia Apprenticeships Targeted Initiatives Program; Joint Group Training Program; Group

Training in the Trades; Support for Fast Track Apprenticeships; Industry Training Strategies Program

Australian Apprenticeships Access Program

New Apprenticeship Centres

Workplace English Language and Literacy

Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program

National Disability Coordination Officers Program

School of Fine Furniture/Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement

Vocational Education and Training Recurrent Funding

VET FEE-HELP

Skilling Australia's Workforce (SAW) Act

Incentives for Higher Technical Skills

Outcome 2 – School Education

Administered Items:

Australian Technical Colleges

**Higher Education Group**

Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education Ltd

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

Administered Items

Higher Education Special Projects: National Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies; Support for Small Business; Voluntary Student Unionism Transition Fund for Sporting and Recreational Facilities; Capital Projects.

Framework for Open Learning Program (FOLP)

Higher Education Contribution to Australian Education International

Superannuation Payments for former Commissioners

Commonwealth Grants Scheme (CGS)  
Regional Loading, Enabling Loading, Medical Student Loading  
Workplace Productivity Program  
Workplace Reform Program  
Capital Development Pool  
Collaboration and Structural Reform program  
Diversity and Structural Adjustment Fund  
Quality Initiatives  
Learning and Teaching Performance Fund  
National Institutes  
Higher Education Loan Program (HELP)  
Higher Education Endowment Fund

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

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

#### Administered Items

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

Outcome 2 – School Education

#### Administered Items:

ABSTUDY – Secondary school  
Youth Allowance

### **International Education Group**

Outcome 6 — International Influence

#### Administered Items

International Education and Training Support Program  
Assessment Subsidy for Overseas Trained Professionals (ASDOT)  
International Postgraduate Research Scholarship Scheme

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

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