

The Senate

BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: Budget Estimates for 2005-06 (supplementary hearings)

Wednesday, 2 and Thursday, 3 November 2005

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

To be televised on Channel 12/radio 91.1

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2005

Education, Science and Training portfolio

9.00am

Cross portfolio

Outcome 2 Individuals achieve relevant skills and learning outcomes from post school education and training for work and life

Output 2.4 - Superannuation payments for former Commissioners

Income Support for Students Branch [as of 16.5.05] [move from Indigenous and Transition Group]

Outcome 1

Output 1.2 *Assistance for individuals, including those with special needs*

Student Assistance Act 1973

ABSTUDY - Secondary

Outcome 2

Output 2.5 *Assistance for post school students including those with special needs*

ABSTUDY - Tertiary

Youth Allowance

Austudy

Student Financial Supplement Scheme – AUSTUDY, ABSTUDY

Australian Research Council (ARC)

Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)

Science Group

Outcome 3

Output 3.2 Assistance for science collaboration and innovation

- Co-operative Research Centres
- Major National Research Facilities
- Management of Former Atomic Test Sites
- National Radioactive Waste Management
- Defence of Common Law – Atomic Tests
- Innovation Access
- Science Connections

Schools Group

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

Output 1.1 Funding for schools

- States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000 and Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004*
- Schools Infrastructure – investing in out schools
- Australian Technical Colleges

Output 1.2 Assistance for individuals, including those with special needs

- States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000 and Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004*
- Student Assistance Act 1973*
- Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)
- National Literacy and Numeracy strategies and projects

Output 1.3 Assistance for quality teaching and learning

- States Grants (Primary and Secondary Education Assistance) Act 2000 and Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004*
- Language Other Than English (LOTE)
- Quality Outcomes
- Grants and Awards related to School education
- Online Curriculum Content for Australian Schools

Vocational Education and Training (VET) Group

Outcome 2 Individuals achieve relevant skills and learning outcomes from post school education and training for work and life

Output 2.1 Funding for vocational education systems and training

- Vocational Education and Training Funding Act 1992*

Vocational Education and Training – priority places
National Programmes (Section 11, ANTA Act 1992)
National Council for Vocational Education Research Ltd
(NCVER)
Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005

Output 2.2 *New Apprenticeships*

New Apprenticeships Centres
Support for New Apprenticeships
New Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development
New Apprenticeship Access Programme

Output 2.3 *Assistance for skills and career development*

Workplace English Language and Literacy
Language, Literacy and Numeracy Training
Basic IT Enabling Skills for Older Workers
Disability Co-ordination Officers
Tasmanian Tourism Employment Training Initiative
School of Fine Furniture

Indigenous and Transitions Group

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

Output 1.2 *Assistance for individuals, including those with special needs*

Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000
Indigenous Education Direct Assistance (Annual Appropriations Act)

Output 1.4 *Assistance for transition through and from school*

Careers, Transitions and Partnerships
Australian Network of Industry Career Advisors (ANICA)

Higher Education Group

Outcome 2 Individuals achieve relevant skills and learning outcomes from post school education and training for work and life

Output 2.4 *Funding for Higher Education*

Higher Education Funding Act 1988 & Higher Education Support Act 2003
Higher Education Special Projects

Output 2.5 *Assistance for post school students including those with special needs*

Higher Education Funding Act 1988 & Higher Education Support Act 2003
Loans Schemes (HECS, PELS, OLDPS, ABSTUDY, SFSS, BOTPLS)
Book Subsidy Scheme

Innovation and Research Systems 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

Output 3.1 *Research infrastructure*

Higher Education Funding Act 1988 & Higher Education Support

Act 2003
Grants-in-Aid – Education and Research Associations
Grants for Research
Grants for Learned Academies
Collaborative Research and Infrastructure
Anglo Australian Telescope Board
Framework for Open Learning

International Education Group (IEG)

Outcome 2 Individuals achieve relevant skills and learning outcomes from post school education and training for work and life

Output 2.4 *Funding for Higher Education*

Higher Education Contribution to Australian Education
International

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

Output 3.3 *Support for the Australian education and training export industry and international relationships*

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

WEDNESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2005

Workplace Relations and Employment

7.30pm

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective Labour market assistance; and

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

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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

Widow Allowance

Pensioner Education Supplement

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
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

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

THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2005

Workplace Relations and Employment

9.00am
continuing

**Outcome 1: Efficient and effective Labour market assistance;
and**

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

10.00am approx

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

Output 3.2: *Labour market strategies*
CDEP management (Community Development Employment
Projects)

Administered items:

Community Development Employment Projects

10.45am approx

Office of the Employment Advocate (OEA)

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
Secretariat to the Remuneration Tribunal
Office of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council
(formerly *The National Occupational Health & Safety Commission*)
Office of the Federal Safety Commissioner

Administered items:

General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme
Special Employee Entitlements Scheme for Ansett Group Employees
Coal Mining Industry Act 1992

Australian Building and Construction Commission (formerly *Building industry taskforce*)

These times are approximate and will depend on hearing proceedings.

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	Suspension (Wednesday-Thursday)

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