

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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

**Public Hearings: BUDGET ESTIMATES 2006-07 (SUPPLEMENTARY HEARINGS)**

**Wednesday, 1 and Thursday, 2 November 2006**

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

*To be televised on Channel 12 radio 91.1*  
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### AGENDA

**WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2006**

**9:00am Education, Science and Training Portfolio**

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

**Australian Research Council (ARC)**

**Australian nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO)**

**Department of Education, Science and Training**

**Higher Education Group**

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

*Higher Education Support Act 2003 & Higher Education Funding Act 1988*

Higher Education Special Projects

Loans Schemes (HECS, PELS, OLDPS, ABSTUDY, SFSS, BOTPLS)

**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*

*Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005*

Vocational Education and Training – priority places

Vocational Education and Training – National programmes

National Council for Vocational Education Research Ltd (NCVER)

New Apprenticeships Centres

Support for New Apprenticeships

New Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development

New Apprenticeship Access Programme

Workplace English Language and Literacy  
Language, Literacy and Numeracy Training  
Basic IT Enabling Skills for Older Workers  
Disability Co-ordination Officers  
Targeted Training Initiatives

**Outcome 1**

Australian Technical Colleges

**Schools Group**

**(Schools Resources and Schools Outcomes)**

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

*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

**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***

Co-operative 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 for work and life***

ABSTUDY – Tertiary

Youth Allowance  
Austudy  
Loan Schemes – AUSTUDY

**International Education Group (IEG)**

*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*

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

**THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2006**

**9.00am Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio  
Office of the Employment Advocate (OEA)**

**Office of Workplace Services (OWS)**

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

**Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR)**

**Outcome 1: Efficient and Effective Labour Market Assistance**

**Output 1.1: Working age payments**

**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**

**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  
Payment to Voluntary Work Agencies  
Rehabilitation Services  
New Compliance Framework  
Cyclone Larry – wage assistance programme

**Outcome 3: Increased Workforce Participation**

**Output 3.1: Working age policy**

**Output 3.2: Labour market strategies**

**Administered items:**

Community Development Employment Projects

**Cross Portfolio**

**Outcome 2: Higher Productivity, Higher Pay Workplaces**

**Output 2.1: *Workplace relations policy and analysis***

**Administered items:**

Workplace Reform – Secret Ballots  
International Labour Organisation subscription

**Output 2.2: *Workplace relations implementation***

**Administered items:**

General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme  
Special Employee Entitlements Scheme for Ansett Group Employees  
Coal Mining Industry Act 1992  
Unlawful Termination of Employment Scheme  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Scheme

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

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

**Comcare;**

**Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission (SRCC); and  
Seafarers' Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority**

**Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency (EOWA)**

**Indigenous Business Australia (IBA)**

**These times are approximate and will depend on hearing proceedings.**

<b>PROPOSED</b>	10.45-11.00am	Morning tea
<b>BREAKS</b>	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

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