

# 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 (Supplementary Hearings)**

**Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 October 2008**

**Committee Room 2S3**

**Parliament House**

**Canberra ACT**

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### AGENDA

## Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio

### WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2008

**9:00am Cross Portfolio**

#### **Outcome 2 – School Education**

Teaching Australia

Administered Items:

Digital Education Revolution

Drought Assistance for Schools

Helping Children with Autism

National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools

Reading Assistance Vouchers

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

Summer Schools for Teachers

Targeted Quality Outcomes

Closing the Gap for Indigenous Australians

*Education Strategic Analysis*

Other Services:

Digital Education Revolution

Trade Training Centres in Schools

National Action Plan for Literacy and Numeracy

Special Appropriations:

*Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act 2004*

Schools General Recurrent Grants

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Schools Capital Grants  
Investing in Our Schools  
Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs (LNSLN)  
Schools Country Areas  
Schools English as a Second Language  
Schools Languages Program  
Non-Government School Term Hostels  
*Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000*  
Indigenous Education program  
*Appropriation Northern Territory National Emergency Response ACT Bills (No.1) 2007-08*  
Indigenous Education program  
*Student Assistance Act 1973*  
ABSTUDY – Secondary school  
Assistance for Isolated Children  
*Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*  
Youth Allowance  
Special Accounts:  
*Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997, Section 20 (A)*  
Superannuation Benefits for Aboriginal Tutor Assistance Scheme

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#### **Outcome 4 – Vocational Education and Training**

##### Administered Items:

Vocational Education and Training - National Programs  
National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER)  
Australian Apprenticeships Centres  
Support for Australian Apprenticeships  
Australian Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development  
Australian Apprenticeships Access Program  
Workplace English Language and Literacy  
Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program  
National Disability Coordination Officers Program  
School of Fine Furniture

##### Special Appropriations:

*Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005*  
Vocational Education and Training Recurrent Funding  
FEE-HELP for Vocational Education and Training Courses  
*Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*  
Youth Allowance  
*Australian Technical Colleges (Flexibility in Achieving Australia's Skills Needs) Act 2005*  
Australian Technical Colleges

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#### **Outcome 1 – Early Childhood Education and Child Care**

##### Administered Items:

Child Care for eligible parents undergoing training  
Support for Child Care

##### Other Services:

Support for Child Care SPP

##### Special Appropriations:

*A New Tax System (Family Assistance) (Administration) Act 1999*  
Child Care Benefit (CCB)  
Child Care Tax Rebate (CCTR)

#### **Outcome 5 – Transitions and Youth**

##### Administered Items:

Careers, Transitions and Partnerships  
Career Planning  
Youth Engagement

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#### **Outcome 3 - Higher Education**

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Australian Learning and Teaching Council

Administered Items:

Higher Education Special Projects.

Framework for Open Learning Program

Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council

Higher Education Contribution to Australian Education International

Superannuation Payments for former Commissioners

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Special Appropriations:

*Higher Education Support Act 2003*

Commonwealth Grants Scheme (CGS)

Regional Loading

Enabling Loading

Workplace Productivity Program

Workplace Reform Program

Capital Development Pool

Collaboration and Structural Reform program

Quality Initiatives

Learning and Teaching Performance Fund

National Institutes

Higher Education Loan Program

Learning Scholarships

Indigenous Support Fund

Open Learning Initiative

Transition Fund – Higher Education

*Student Assistance Act 1973*

ABSTUDY – Tertiary

ABSTUDY Student Financial Supplement Loans

*Social Security Act 1991*

Youth Allowance

Austudy

Fares Allowance

Student Financial Supplement Scheme – Austudy

Special Accounts:

*Higher Education Endowment Fund Act 2007*

Higher Education Endowment Fund

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## **Education, Employment & Workplace Relations Portfolio (cont.)**

### **THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2008**

**9:00am**

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

Administered Items:

Workplace Reform – Secret Ballots

International Labour Organisation Subscription

General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme

Workplace Relations Reform – Unlawful Termination Assistance Scheme

Workplace Relations Reform – Alternative Dispute Resolution

Small Business Work and Family

HomeWorkers Code of Practice

*Working Women's Centre Funding*

*Award modernisation*

Special Appropriations:

*Air Passenger Ticket (Collection) Act 2001*

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

## **Outcome 7 Labour Market Assistance**

### Administered Items:

Job Network  
Work for the Dole  
Indigenous Employment  
Job Placement Employment and Training  
Green Corps  
Employment Assistance and Other Services  
Personal Support Program  
Rehabilitation Services  
Modified Compliance Framework  
Ex Gratia Payment

### Special Appropriations:

*Social Security (Administration) Act 1999:*

Disability Support Pension  
Mature Age Allowance  
Mobility Allowance  
Newstart Allowance  
Parenting Payment (Partnered)  
Parenting Payment (Single)  
Partner Allowance (Benefit)  
Partner Allowance (Pension)  
Pensioner Education Supplement  
Sickness Allowance  
Utilities Allowance  
Widow Allowance  
Youth Allowance (other)  
CDEP Transition Payment

## **Outcome 8 Workforce Participation**

Working Age Policy  
Labour Market Strategies  
Evaluation  
*Women's workforce participation*  
*Pacific Guest Worker's Scheme*  
*National Mental Health and Disability Employment Strategy*

## **Australian Building and Construction Commission**

## **Australian Fair Pay Commission Secretariat**

## **The Workplace Authority**

## **Australian Industrial Registry**

## **Comcare**

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| <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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