

# The Senate

## BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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

**Public Hearings: Supplementary Budget Estimates for 2010-11**

**Wednesday 20 October and Thursday 21 October, 2010**

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

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#### AGENDA

#### WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2010

<b>Time</b>	<b>Education, Employment &amp; Workplace Relations Portfolio</b>
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9:00 am	<b>Portfolio Agencies:</b>
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*Comcare*

*Safe Work Australia*

*Fair Work Ombudsman*

*Fair Work Australia*

*Australian Building and Construction Commission*

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2:30 pm	<b>Outcome 5</b> – <i>Safer, fairer and more productive workplaces for employers and employees by promoting and supporting the adoption of fair and flexible workplace arrangements and safer working arrangements.</i>
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General questions

Program 4.5: Compensation Payments

*Asbestos related claims Act 2005 – Safety, Rehabilitation & Compensation Act\**

Program 5.1: Employee Assistance

General Employee Entitlements and Redundancy Scheme

Unlawful Termination Assistance Scheme

Coal Mining Industry (LSL) Funding Act 1992

Program 5.2: Workplace Assistance

Protected Action Ballots Scheme

Small Business Work and Family Grants Program

8:00 pm

**Outcome 4** – *Enhanced employability and acquisition of labour market skills and knowledge and participation in society through direct financial support and funding of employment and training services.* \*\*

General questions

Program 4.1: Employment Services

Job Services Australia  
Job Capacity Assessment  
Jobs Fund  
National Green Jobs Corps  
Productive Ageing Package  
Insulation Workers Support

Program 4.3: Disability Employment Services

Employment Assistance and Other Services  
Vocational Rehabilitation Services  
Disability Employment Services

Program 4.4: Working Age Payments

Compensation and Debt Relief  
Mobility Allowance  
Newstart Allowance  
Parenting Payment (Single)  
Parenting Payment (Partnered)  
Partner Allowance (Benefit)  
Partner Allowance (Pension)  
Pensioner Education Supplement  
Sickness Allowance  
Utilities Allowance  
Widow Allowance  
Youth Allowance (Other)  
School Enrolment and Attendance Measure (SEAM)

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**THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 2010**

Time

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

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9:00 am

**Cross Portfolio**

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10:00 am

**Outcome 1** – *Improved access to quality services that support early childhood learning and care for children through a national quality framework, agreed national standards, investment in infrastructure, and support for parents, carers, services and the workforce*

General questions

Program 1.1: Support for the Child Care System

Child Care Services Support  
Jobs, Education and Training (JET) Child  
Care Fee Assistance

Program 1.2: Child Care Fee Assistance

Child Care Benefit  
Child Care Rebate

Program 1.3: Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood Education - Universal Access

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**Outcome 2** – *Improved learning and literacy, numeracy and educational attainment for school students, through funding for quality teaching and learning environments, workplace learning and career advice.*

General questions

Program 2.1: Government Schools National Support

Program 2.2: Non-Government Schools National Support

*Schools Assistance Act 2008*

*Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Act 2000*

Recurrent Grants – Non-government

Capital Grants – Non-government

English as a Second Language – New Arrivals – Non-government

Enrolment trends – Non-government

Program 2.3: Schools Support

National Asian Languages and Studies in Schools

Grants and Awards

Framework for Open Learning

National Student Aptitude Test for Tertiary Admission

Supplementary Funding for School Operations

Drought Assistance for Schools

National Schools Chaplaincy Program

Helping Children with Autism

Local Schools Working Together

Quality Outcomes

Indigenous Education

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate

Indigenous Youth Mobility Program

Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

Sporting Chance Academies

Program 2.4: Trade Training Centres

Trade Training Centres (Non-government)

Australian Technical Colleges

Program 2.5: Digital Education Revolution

The National Secondary School Student Computer Fund

Program 2.6: National Action Plan on Literacy and Numeracy

National Action Plan on Literacy and Numeracy – literacy & numeracy pilots

National Partnership for Literacy and Numeracy

Program 2.7: Education Infrastructure (referred to as Building the Education Revolution)

Program 2.8: Smarter Schools - Low SES School Communities National Partnership

Program 2.9: Smarter Schools - Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership

Program 2.10: Youth Support

Careers Transitions and Partnerships

Youth Attainment and Transitions

Youth Engagement

*National Youth Affairs Research Scheme Special Account*

Program 2.11: School Student Assistance

ABSTUDY – Secondary

Assistance for Isolated Children

Youth Allowance – Secondary

Superannuation Benefits for Aboriginal Tutor Assistance Scheme

*Australian Curriculum Assessment & Reporting Authority (ACARA)*

**Outcome 3** – *A growth in skills, qualifications and productivity through funding to improve teaching quality, learning, and tertiary sector infrastructure, international promotion of Australia's education and training sectors, and partnerships with industry.*

General questions

*Skills Australia*

Program 3.1: Higher Education Support

Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency  
Indigenous Education Advisory Council  
Higher Education Special Projects  
Superannuation Payments for Former Commissioners  
Centre for Finance and International Regulation  
Commonwealth Grants Scheme  
Performance Funding  
Funding to Support low SES participation  
Equity Programs  
Indigenous Support Program  
Diversity and Structural Adjustment  
Superannuation Program  
Quality Initiatives  
Open Learning Initiative  
National Institutes  
Commonwealth Scholarships  
Higher Education Special Projects (Capital Development Pool)  
Education Investment Fund

Program 3.2: HELP

HELP (Higher Education)  
VET FEE-HELP  
HECS-HELP  
FEE-HELP  
OS-HELP  
SA-HELP

Program 3.3: Tertiary Student Assistance

ABSTUDY – Tertiary and VET  
AUSTUDY – Tertiary and VET  
Youth Allowance – Tertiary and VET  
Fares Allowance

Program 3.4: Vocational Education and Training

Program 3.5: VET National Support

National Centre for Vocational Education Research  
Australian Apprenticeship Centres  
Support for New Apprenticeships  
Australian Apprenticeships Workforce Skills Development  
Australian Apprenticeships Access Program  
My Training  
VET Teaching and Learning Capital Fund  
Critical Skills Investment Fund  
Smarter Apprenticeships  
Quality Skills Incentives  
National Foundation Skills Strategy  
Education Investment Fund (VET)  
Workplace English Language and Literacy  
Innovative community-based places  
Language, Literacy and Numeracy

Program 3.6: International Education Support  
International Education and Training  
Assessment Subsidy for Overseas Trained Professionals  
Higher Education Contribution to Australian Education International

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\*reflecting the old departmental structure, this has been included in the PBS under Outcome 4 but the officials to address it are now from Outcome 5. This change will be reflected in the next PBS.

\*\* Outcome 4.2 will be considered by the Community Affairs Committee on Friday 22 October

**Proposed breaks**

Morning tea	10:30am-10:45am
Lunch	12.30pm-1.30pm
Afternoon tea	3.45pm-4.00pm
Dinner	6.00pm-7.30pm
Tea Break	9.30pm-9.45pm

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