

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

The Committee met on Wednesday 20 October 2010, from 9.00 am until 10.42 pm.

The Committee called the:

- Department and agencies of the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio, including Comcare, Safe Work Australia, Fair Work Ombudsman, Fair Work Australia and the Australian Building and Construction Commission.

Among other issues, the main issues discussed were matters relating to the:

- Timing of the return of answers to Questions on Notice (Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations)
- Operation of, and awareness of employer/employee obligations under, the Fair Work Act (Fair Work Australia)
- Statistical information on employment participation by the homeless and mentally ill (the Department)
- Strategic priorities of the Australian Building and Construction Commission (ABCC)
- Previous evidence given by the Secretary of the Department and the former Australian Building and Construction Commissioner (the Department and ABCC)