



Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2018-19
Wednesday, 30 May 2018
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Education and Employment Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.01am to 8.54pm.

The committee called the Australian Building and Construction Commission, the Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman, Fair Work Commission (FWC), the Registered Organisations Commission (ROC), Safe Work Australia, the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman, the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency, the Seafarers Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Authority, Comcare and the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- inaccuracies in ABCC leaflet information and on the ABCC website;
- discussions of a Fair Work Ombudsman subpoena regarding the Federal Court action between the Australian Workers Union (AWU) and ROC;
- ministerial responsibilities following the December machinery of government changes;
- Woolworths sub-contractors in Tasmania;
- Fair Work Ombudsman officer postings in remote and rural Australia;
- implementation of recommendations in the Billson Report commissioned by the FWC;
- costs involved with ROC's investigation into the AWU;
- overview of health and safety in the building and construction industry;
- funding and staffing of the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman; and
- asbestos detection by Border Force.

The Committee will next meet at 9.00am on Thursday, 31 May in Senate Committee Room 2S3, calling:

- Department of Education and Training (Cross-portfolio and outcomes 1 and 2), Education Services Australia and the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency.