



Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018-19
Wednesday, 24 October 2018
Daily summary

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

The committee met from 9.02am to 9.35pm.

The committee called:

- Department of Jobs and Small Business, Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman, Australian Building and Construction Commission, the Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman, Fair Work Commission and the Registered Organisations Commission.

Safe Work Australia, the Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency and Comcare were released without question with the expectation of a future spillover hearing at a yet to be determined date.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- Ministerial responsibilities following machinery of government changes in August;
- Jobactive scheme with particular emphasis on migrant, refugee and disabled workers and the implementation of the Harvest Labour Information Service;
- Regional Employment Trials;
- implementation of the Time to Work Program;
- death of a participant under the Work for the Dole scheme;
- rollout of the ParentNext program;
- review in relation to the *Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Act 2017*;
- Fair Entitlements Guarantee;
- status of the AFP investigation into the unauthorised disclosure of information;
- ABCC investigation of the Royal Hobart Hospital and allegations of unpaid wages; and
- rural and urban locations of Fair Work Ombudsman employees.

The committee will next meet at **9.00am** on Thursday, 25 October in Senate Committee Room 2S3.