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2026–27 Supplementary Budget Estimates

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Wednesday 28 October 2026 and Thursday 29 October 2026

Committee Room 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only.



Hearing location

Committee Room 2S3,
Parliament House, Canberra
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Senator Marielle Smith, Chair
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Senator Josh Dolega
Senator Mehreen Faruqi
Senator Corinne Mulholland
Senator Matt O'Sullivan

Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Dr Jess Walsh

Secretariat

Gerry McNally, Committee Secretary
Jamison Eddington, Estimates Officer



Due dates for questions on notice (QoNs)

5 November 2026: Senators' written QoNs
17 December 2026: answers to QoNs

Wednesday 28 October 2026

Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio

9.00am	Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Cross-portfolio, Corporate and Enabling Services, and general matters
10.00am	Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations Program 3.1 – Workplace Support Program 3.2 – Workers' Compensation Payments
11.00am	Break
11.15am	Outcome 3 – Workplace Relations (continued)
12.00pm	Fair Work Commission
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Fair Work Commission (continued)
2.30pm	Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman
3.30pm	Break
3.45pm	Office of the Fair Work Ombudsman (continued)
4.15pm	Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Outcome 1 – Employment Program 1.1 – Employment Services Closing the Gap Outcome 8 - Strong economic participation and development of people and their communities
5.45pm	Dinner
6.45pm	Outcome 2 – Skills and Training (including Jobs and Skills Australia) Program 2.1 – Building Skills and Capacity Program 2.2 – VET Student Loans Program 2.3 – DEWR – Nuclear-Powered Submarine Program Closing the Gap Outcome 7 – Youth are engaged in employment and education

7.45pm	Comcare
8.15pm	Break
8.30pm	Safe Work Australia
9.00pm	National Centre for Vocational Education Research
9.30pm	Australian Skills Quality Authority
10.00pm	Adjournment

Thursday 29 October 2026

Education portfolio

9.00am	Department of Education Corporate and Enabling Services
10.00am	Outcome 1 – Schools and Youth Program 1.3 – Government Schools National Support Program 1.4 – Non-Government Schools National Support Program 1.5 – Early Learning and Schools Support Closing the Gap Outcome 5 - Students achieve their full learning potential
11.00am	Break
11.15am	Outcome 1 – Schools and Youth (continued) Closing the Gap Outcome 5 (continued)
12.15pm	Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority
12.45pm	Australian Education Research Organisation
1.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm	Department of Education Outcome 1 – Early Childhood Program 1.1 – Support for the Child Care System Program 1.2 – Child Care Subsidy Closing the Gap Outcome 3 – Children are engaged in high quality, culturally appropriate early childhood education in their early years Closing the Gap Outcome 4 – Children thrive in their early years
3.45pm	Break
4.00pm	Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority
4.45pm	Department of Education Outcome 2 – Higher Education, Research and International Program 2.1 – Core Commonwealth Funding for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Program 2.2 – Higher Education Superannuation Program

	Program 2.3 – Higher Education Support Program 2.4 – Higher Education Loan Program Program 2.5 – Investment in Higher Education Research Program 2.6 – Research Capacity Program 2.7 – International Education Support Program 2.8 – Nuclear Powered Submarine Program Closing the Gap Outcome 6 – Students reach their full potential through further education pathways
6.15pm	Dinner
7.15pm	Australian Tertiary Education Commission
8.00pm	Australian National University
8.45pm	Break
9.00pm	Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency
9.30pm	Australian Research Council
10.00pm	Adjournment