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EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND
WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

BUDGET INITIATIVES AND EXPLANATIONS
APPROPRIATIONS SPECIFIED BY OUTCOMES
AND PROGRAMS BY AGENCY
Senator the Hon John Hogg  
President of the Senate  
Australian Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Mr Harry Jenkins MP  
Speaker  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr President  
Dear Mr Speaker

I hereby submit Portfolio Budget Statements in support of the 2010-11 Budget for the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio.

These statements have been developed, and are submitted to the Parliament, as a statement on the outcomes for the portfolio.

I present these statements to provide accountability to the Parliament and, through it, the public.

Yours sincerely

Julia Gillard  
Minister for Education  
Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations  
Minister for Social Inclusion
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The purpose of the 2010-11 Portfolio Budget Statements (PB Statements) is to inform Senators and Members of Parliament of the proposed allocation of resources to Government outcomes by agencies within the portfolio. Agencies receive resources from the annual appropriations acts, special appropriations (including standing appropriations and special accounts), and revenue from other sources.

A key role of the PB Statements is to facilitate the understanding of proposed annual appropriations in Appropriation Bills No. 1 and No. 2 2010-11 (or Appropriation Bill [Parliamentary Departments] No. 1 2010-11 for the parliamentary departments). In this sense the PB Statements are Budget related papers and are declared by the Appropriation Acts to be ‘relevant documents’ to the interpretation of the Acts according to section 15AB of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901.

The PB Statements provide information, explanation and justification to enable Parliament to understand the purpose of each outcome proposed in the Bills.

As required under section 12 of the Charter of Budget Honesty Act 1998, non-general government sector entities are not consolidated into the Commonwealth general government sector fiscal estimates and accordingly, these entities are not reported in the PB Statements.

Please note that the term ‘Indigenous people’ in this document, refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples unless otherwise stated.
Abbreviations and conventions

The following notation may be used:

NEC/nec not elsewhere classified
- in tables indicates nil
0 nil
.. not zero, but rounded to zero
na not applicable (unless otherwise specified)
nfp not for publication
$m $ million
$b $ billion

Figures in tables and in the text may be rounded. Figures in text are generally rounded to one decimal place, whereas figures in tables are generally rounded to the nearest thousand. Discrepancies in tables between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

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PORTFOLIO OVERVIEW
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PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

The Portfolio Budget Statements provide information about the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio. Through its portfolio agencies, the Australian Government takes a national leadership role in education and training and aims to improve the productive performance of enterprises in Australia. The Australian Government works with the state and territory governments, other Australian Government agencies, various industries and a range of contracted service providers to provide high quality policy, advice and services for the benefit of Australia.

The Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio is comprised of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (the department), and the following agencies:

- Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA)
- Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL)
- Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC)
- Comcare
- Fair Work Australia (FWA)
- Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO)
- Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner (ABCC)
- Safe Work Australia (SWA).

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) was previously reported as Teaching Australia - Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited. AITSL was renamed in January 2010.

Three agencies within the portfolio ceased operations during 2009-10. The Workplace Authority ceased operations on 31 January 2010, with all assets and liabilities transferring to Fair Work Ombudsman. The Australian Industrial Relations Commission and the Australian Industrial Registrar ceased operations on 31 December 2009, with all assets and liabilities transferring to Fair Work Australia. Further information on the financial performance information for these agencies will be available in their 2009-10 Annual Reports.
Portfolio Overview

Figure 1: Education, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio structure and outcomes

| The Hon Julia Gillard MP: Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Education, Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Minister for Social Inclusion |
| Senator the Hon Mark Arbib: Minister for Employment Participation |
| The Hon Kate Ellis MP: Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth |
| Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens: Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector |
| The Hon Jason Clare MP: Parliamentary Secretary for Employment |

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
Secretary: Lisa Paul

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.

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.

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.

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.

Outcome 5: 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.

Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority
Chief Executive Officer: Dr Peter Hill
Outcome: Improved quality and consistency of school education in Australia through a national curriculum, national assessment, data collection, and performance reporting system.

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership
A/g Chief Executive Officer: Mr John McCarthy
Outcome: Enhance the quality of teaching and school leadership through developing standards, recognising teaching excellence, providing professional development opportunities, and supporting the teaching profession.

Australian Learning and Teaching Council
Exec Director: Dr Carol Nicoll PSM
Outcome: Enhanced learning for students through engaging the higher education sector in the identification, support and reward of outstanding and innovative teaching.

Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership
A/g Chief Executive Officer: Mr John McCarthy
Outcome: Enhance the quality of teaching and school leadership through developing standards, recognising teaching excellence, providing professional development opportunities, and supporting the teaching profession.

Fair Work Australia
General Manager: Mr Tim Lee
Outcome: Simple, fair and flexible workplace relations for employees and employers through the exercise of powers to set and vary minimum wages and modern awards, facilitate collective bargaining, approve agreements and deal with disputes.

Fair Work Ombudsman
Ombudsman: Mr Nicholas Wilson
Outcome: Compliance with workplace relations legislation by employees and employers through advice, education and where necessary enforcement.

Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner
Commissioner: The Hon John Lloyd
Outcome: Workplace relations laws are enforced in building & construction industry workplaces.

Safe Work Australia
Chief Executive Officer: Mr Rex Hoy
Outcome: Safer and more productive Australian workplaces through harmonising national occupational health and safety and workers’ compensation arrangements.
PORTFOLIO RESOURCES

Table 1 shows the total new resources provided to the portfolio in the 2010-11 budget year, by agency.

Table 1: Portfolio Resources 2010-11

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Resources available within portfolio: 45,128

*Note - $132,000 - not shown due to rounding