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Attn: Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Youth Affairs

This is a submission into the Inquiry into the extent, nature and consequence of insecure work in the ACT, via the submission tool provided by UnionsACT. I have agreed to provide the following:

Submission by: Abigail Nelson, [REDACTED]

I was informally employed in my current job.

Hi there, I'm a preservice high school teacher. This means that in total there will be almost 4 months where I am in schools teaching/working full time as the practical component of my 4 year degree. I am unable to work my casual retail job doing this time. This of course means I have no income during this time. I am not eligible for centrelink support payments as I am 20 years old and my parents earn over the threshold. I work hard and earn enough to get by when not working in a school, but I when I can't work for 4 weeks it can get extremely difficult.

It is not unsafe just hard to have enough money to buy the things I need. Lunch, toiletries, petrol, professional teaching clothes, whiteboard markers etc

I experienced having to move home from not being able to afford rent and food whilst on placement in a school. Sure I'll have a job at the end of my degree (hopefully) but what am I meant to do in the mean time?.

If I were the Government, I would implement a sort of HECS program to support preservice teachers during there placement periods. Or I would implement a sort of short term centrelink payment plan for the allocated weeks students are unable to work. This could be extended to nursing students also..

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