

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

The committee met on Thursday, 6 June 2013 from 9.01 am to 10.40 pm.

The committee called:

- the department and agencies of the Health and Ageing Portfolio, including the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Therapeutic Goods Administration, Food Standards Australia New Zealand, the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator, the Australia Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency, Cancer Australia, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care and the Australian National Preventive Health Agency.

Among other issues, the following matters were discussed:

- Medicare locals and general practitioner superclinics
- bowel and breast screening programs
- tobacco and alcohol strategies
- immunisation
- access to pharmaceutical services
- hearing services, including integration into the National Disability Insurance Scheme/DisabilityCare Australia
- the department's appreciation for the work of Senators Humphries and Crossin, who attended the hearings for the last time this estimates round.