



HEARING PROGRAM

Additional Estimates 2025–26

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Wednesday, 11 February – Thursday, 12 February 2026

Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



Hearing location

Committee Room 2S1,
Parliament House, Canberra
Waiting room: Committee Room 2S2
Overflow room: Committee Room 1S3



Committee members

Senator Dorinda Cox, Chair
Senator Penny Allman-Payne, Deputy Chair
Senator Michelle Ananda-Rajah
Senator Alex Antic
Senator Wendy Askew
Senator the Hon Carol Brown



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Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister
Senator the Hon Nita Green

Secretariat

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Due dates for questions on notice (QoNs)

Thursday, 19 February 2026: Senators' written QoNs
Thursday, 9 April 2026: answers to QoNs

Wednesday, 11 February

Health, Disability and Ageing Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters
11.15am	Morning Break
11.30am	Outcome 3: Ageing and Aged Care Program 3.1: Access and Information Program 3.2: Aged Care Services Program 3.3: Aged Care Quality Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority Inspector-General of Aged Care
1.00pm	Lunch Break
2.00pm	Outcome 3: Ageing and Aged Care (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
4.00pm	Afternoon Break
4.15pm	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support Program 1.1: Health Research, Coordination and Access Program 1.2: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention (<u>including the National Mental Health Commission</u>) Program 1.3: First Nations Health Program 1.4: Health Workforce Program 1.5: Preventative Health and Chronic Disease Support Program 1.6: Primary Health Care Quality and Coordination Program 1.7: Primary Care Practice Incentives and Medical Indemnity Program 1.8: Health Protection, Emergency Response and Regulation (<u>including the Therapeutic Goods Administration</u>) Program 1.9: Immunisation Closing the Gap Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outcome 1: Life Expectancy• Outcome 2: Healthy Birthweights• Outcome 14: Social and Emotional Wellbeing

	Australian Centre for Disease Control Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency Cancer Australia National Health Funding Body National Health and Medical Research Council National Rural Health Commissioner
6.15pm	Dinner Break
7.15pm	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued) Closing the Gap Outcomes (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
9.00pm	Evening Break
9.15pm	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued) Closing the Gap Outcomes (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
11.00pm	Adjournment

Thursday, 12 February

Health, Disability and Ageing and Social Services Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Outcome 2: Individual Health Benefits Program 2.1: Medical Benefits Program 2.2: Hearing Services Program 2.3: Pharmaceutical Benefits Program 2.4: Private Health Insurance Program 2.5: Dental Services Program 2.6: Health Benefit Compliance Program 2.7: Assistance through Aids and Appliances Australian Digital Health Agency Professional Services Review
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11.00am	Outcome 4: Disability and Carers Program 4.1: Disability and Carers Program 4.2: National Disability Insurance Scheme National Disability Insurance Agency NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission
11.50am	Lunch Break
1.00pm	Outcome 4: Disability and Carers (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
4.10pm	Afternoon Break
4.25pm	Department of Social Services Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters
5.25pm	Outcome 1: Social Security Program 1.1: Support for Families Program 1.2: Paid Parental Leave Program 1.3: Support for Seniors Program 1.4: Financial Support for People with Disability Program 1.5: Financial Support for Carers Program 1.6: Working Age Payments Program 1.7: Student Payments Program 1.8: Employment Services Cross Program – Rent Assistance
6.25pm	Dinner Break
7.25pm	Outcome 1: Social Security (continued)
7.55pm	Outcome 2: Families and Communities Program 2.1: Families and Communities (<u>including the Closing the Gap Taskforce</u>) Closing the Gap Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome 12: Children in Out-Of-Home Care • Outcome 13: Family Safety Australian Institute of Family Studies Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People
9.00pm	Evening Break

9.15pm	Outcome 2: Families and Communities (continued) Closing the Gap Outcomes (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
11.00pm	Adjournment