



THE SENATE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

6 August 2021

**Budget estimates 2021-22
Progress report**

On 11 May 2021, the Senate referred to committees the *Particulars of proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2022* [Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2021-2022], the *Particulars of certain proposed expenditure in respect of the year ending on 30 June 2022* [Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2021-2022], together with the final portfolio budget statements 2021-22.

The Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee (the committee) is responsible for examining the proposed expenditure of the departments and agencies within the Health and Social Services portfolios.

On 1 to 4 June 2021, the committee questioned officers from the Health and Social Services portfolios in relation to these matters. On 23 July 2021, the committee agreed to postpone the spill over hearing schedule for 28 July 2021.

On 16 August 2021, the committee will receive additional evidence from officers of both the Health and Social Services portfolios at a spill over hearing.

The committee requests an extension of time to report until 27 August 2021 to allow it to consider the additional evidence and to conclude its deliberations.

Yours sincerely

Senator Wendy Askew
Chair