



HEARING PROGRAM

Budget Estimates 2025–26 Community Affairs Legislation Committee

*Friday, 28 March, Wednesday, 2 April–Thursday, 3 April 2025
Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, Canberra

**Dates for the 2025-26 Budget estimates hearings are pursuant to the resolution of the Senate of 25 March 2025.*

Times listed are indicative only



Hearing location

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



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Senator Penny Allman-Payne, Deputy Chair
Senator Hollie Hughes
Senator Maria Kovacic
Senator Louise Pratt
Senator Anne Urquhart

Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy
Senator the Hon Don Farrell
Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher

Secretariat

Apolline Kohen, Committee Secretary
Ayrton Kiraly, Estimates Officer



Due dates for questions on notice (QoNs)

Wednesday, 16 April 2025: Senators' written QoNs
Thursday, 29 May 2025: answers to QoNs

Friday, 28 March (CANCELLED*)

Health and Aged Care Portfolio

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| 9.00am | Department of Health and Aged Care Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters |
| 9.30am | Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support <u>(including the TGA)</u> Program 1.1: Health Research, Coordination and Access Program 1.2: Mental Health <u>(including the National Mental Health Commission)</u> 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 Program 1.9: Immunisation |
| 11.00am | Morning Break |
| 11.15am | Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued) |
| 12.15pm | 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 |
| 1.00pm | Lunch Break |
| 2.00pm | Outcome 2: Individual Health Benefits (continued) |
| 2.30pm | 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 |
| 4.00pm | Afternoon Break |

Social Services Portfolio

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| 4.15pm | Department of Social Services Outcome 3: Disability and Carers Program 3.1: Disability and Carers Program 3.2: National Disability Insurance Scheme National Disability Insurance Agency NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission |
| 6.00pm | Dinner Break |
| 7.00pm | Outcome 3: Disability and Carers (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued) |
| 7.30pm | Outcome 4: Housing Program 4.1: Housing and Homelessness Program 4.2: Affordable Housing |
| 7.45pm | Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters 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 Cross Program – Rent Assistance |
| 8.30pm | Outcome 2: Families and Communities Program 2.1: Families and Communities |
| 8.45pm | Evening Break |
| 9.00pm | Outcome 2: Families and Communities (continued) |
| 9.30pm | Services Australia Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters Outcome 1: Deliver high-quality, accessible services and payments to individuals, families, businesses and partner agencies on behalf of Government; with a focus on contemporary service delivery and customer experience Program 1.1: Strategy and Corporate Enabling Program 1.2: Customer Service Delivery Program 1.3: Technology and Transformation |
| 11.00pm | Adjournment |

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Wednesday, 2 April (CANCELLED*)

Health and Aged Care Portfolio

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| 9.00am | Department of Health and Aged Care Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters |
| 9.30am | Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support <u>(including the TGA)</u> Program 1.1: Health Research, Coordination and Access Program 1.2: Mental Health <u>(including the National Mental Health Commission)</u> 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 Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency Australian Institute of Health and Welfare National Health and Medical Research Council National Rural Health Commissioner |
| 11.00am | Morning Break |
| 11.15am | Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued) |
| 1.00pm | Lunch Break |
| 2.00pm | Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued) |
| 3.45pm | Afternoon Break |
| 4.00pm | 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 Professional Services Review Australian Digital Health Agency |
| 6.00pm | Dinner Break |
| 7.00pm | Outcome 2: Individual Health Benefits (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued) |

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| 7.30pm | 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 |
| 9.00pm | Evening Break |
| 9.15pm | Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support <u>(including the TGA and ATAGI)</u> Program 1.8: Health Protection, Emergency Response and Regulation Program 1.9: Immunisation Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency National Blood Authority Office of the Gene Technology Regulator |
| 10.30pm | Outcome 4: Sport and Physical Activity Program 4.1: Sport and Physical Activity Australian Sports Commission |
| 11.00pm | Adjournment |

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Thursday, 3 April (CANCELLED*)

Social Services Portfolio

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| 9.00am | National Disability Insurance Agency NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission |
| 11.00am | Morning Break |
| 11.15am | National Disability Insurance Agency (continued) NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (continued) |
| 1.00pm | Lunch Break |
| 2.00pm | National Disability Insurance Agency (continued) NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (continued) |

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| 2.30pm | Department of Social Services Outcome 3: Disability and Carers Program 3.1: Disability and Carers Program 3.2: National Disability Insurance Scheme |
| 3.00pm | Outcome 4: Housing Program 4.1: Housing and Homelessness Program 4.2: Affordable Housing |
| 3.30pm | Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters |
| 4.00pm | Afternoon Break |
| 4.15pm | 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 Cross Program – Rent Assistance |
| 5.30pm | Outcome 2: Families and Communities Program 2.1: Families and Communities Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission |
| 6.00pm | Dinner Break |
| 7.00pm | Outcome 2: Families and Communities (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued) |
| 8.15pm | Services Australia Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters Outcome 1: Deliver high-quality, accessible services and payments to individuals, families, businesses and partner agencies on behalf of Government; with a focus on contemporary service delivery and customer experience Program 1.1: Strategy and Corporate Enabling Program 1.2: Customer Service Delivery Program 1.3: Technology and Transformation |
| 9.00pm | Evening Break |
| 9.15pm | Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters (continued) Outcome 1: Deliver high-quality, accessible services and payments to individuals, families, businesses and partner agencies on behalf of Government; with a focus on contemporary service delivery and customer experience (continued) |
| 11.00pm | Adjournment |

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