



H E A R I N G P R O G R A M

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
Waiting room: Committee Room 2S2
Overflow room: Committee Room 1S3



Committee members

Senator Marielle Smith, Chair
Senator Penny Allman-Payne, Deputy Chair
Senator Hollie Hughes
Senator Maria Kovacic
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Senator the Hon Don Farrell
Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher

Secretariat

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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

9.00am	Department of Health and Aged Care Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters
9.30am	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (including the TGA) Program 1.1: Health Research, Coordination and Access Program 1.2: Mental Health (including the National Mental Health Commission) 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

4.15pm	<p>Department of Social Services</p> <p>Outcome 3: Disability and Carers</p> <p>Program 3.1: Disability and Carers Program 3.2: National Disability Insurance Scheme</p> <p>National Disability Insurance Agency NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission</p>
6.00pm	Dinner Break
7.00pm	<p>Outcome 3: Disability and Carers (continued)</p> <p>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</p>
7.30pm	<p>Outcome 4: Housing</p> <p>Program 4.1: Housing and Homelessness Program 4.2: Affordable Housing</p>
7.45pm	<p>Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters</p> <p>Outcome 1: Social Security</p> <p>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</p>
8.30pm	<p>Outcome 2: Families and Communities</p> <p>Program 2.1: Families and Communities</p>
8.45pm	Evening Break
9.00pm	Outcome 2: Families and Communities (continued)
9.30pm	<p>Services Australia</p> <p>Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters</p> <p>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</p> <p>Program 1.1: Strategy and Corporate Enabling Program 1.2: Customer Service Delivery Program 1.3: Technology and Transformation</p>
11.00pm	Adjournment

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Wednesday, 2 April (CANCELLED*)

Health and Aged Care Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Health and Aged Care Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters
9.30am	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (including the TGA) Program 1.1: Health Research, Coordination and Access Program 1.2: Mental Health (including the National Mental Health Commission) 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)

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 (including the TGA and ATAGI) 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

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)

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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