



PARLIAMENT  
OF AUSTRALIA

## Budget Estimates 2026–27

### Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Tuesday 2 June to Friday 5 June 2026

**Committee Room 2S1**, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



#### Hearing location

Committee Room 2S1,  
Parliament House, Canberra  
Waiting room: Committee Room 1S4  
Waiting overflow room: Committee Room 1S3



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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

#### Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher  
Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy  
Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister  
Senator the Hon Nita Green

#### Secretariat

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Ayrton Kiraly, Estimates Officer



#### Due dates for questions on notice (QoNs)

12 June 2026: Senators' written QoNs  
24 July 2026: answers to QoNs

Tuesday, 2 June 2026

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## Health, Disability and Ageing

9.00am	<b>Department of Health, Disability and Ageing</b> <b>Whole of Portfolio and Corporate Matters</b>
11.00am	Break
11.15am	<b>Outcome 3 – Ageing and Aged Care</b> Program 3.1 – Access and Information Program 3.2 – Aged Care Services Program 3.3 – Aged Care Quality <b>Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission</b> <b>Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority</b> <b>Inspector-General of Aged Care</b>
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	<b>Outcome 3 (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b>
4.00pm	Break
4.15pm	<b>Outcome 3 (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b>
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	<b>Outcome 3 (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b>
9.00pm	Break
9.15pm	<b>Outcome 3 (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b>
11.00pm	Adjournment

Wednesday, 3 June

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## Health, Disability and Ageing

<b>9.00am</b>	<p><b>Department of Health, Disability and Ageing</b></p> <p><b>Outcome 2 – Individual Health Benefits</b> 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</p> <p><b>Professional Services Review</b></p>
<b>11.00am</b>	Break
<b>11.15am</b>	<p><b>Outcome 2 (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b></p>
<b>1.00pm</b>	Lunch
<b>2.00pm</b>	<p><b>Outcome 2 (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b></p>
<b>4.00pm</b>	Break

4.15pm	<p><b>Outcome 1 – Health Policy, Access and Support</b></p> <p>Program 1.1 – Health Research, Coordination and Access</p> <p>Program 1.2 – Program 1.2: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention (including the <u>National Mental Health Commission</u>)</p> <p>Program 1.3 – First Nations Health</p> <p>Program 1.4 – Health Workforce</p> <p>Program 1.5 – Preventative Health and Chronic Disease Support</p> <p>Program 1.6: Primary Health Care Quality and Coordination</p> <p>Program 1.7: Primary Care Practice Incentives and Medical Indemnity</p> <p>Program 1.8: Health Protection, Emergency Response and Regulation (including the <u>Therapeutic Goods Administration</u>)</p> <p>Program 1.9: Immunisation (including the <u>Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation</u>)</p> <p><b>Closing the Gap Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome 1 – Life Expectancy</li> <li>• Outcome 2 – Healthy Birthweights</li> <li>• Outcome 14 – Social and Emotional Wellbeing</li> </ul> <p><b>Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency</b></p> <p><b>Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</b></p> <p><b>Cancer Australia</b></p> <p><b>Food Standards Australia New Zealand</b></p> <p><b>Hearing Australia</b></p> <p><b>National Blood Authority</b></p> <p><b>National Health and Medical Research Council</b></p> <p><b>National Rural Health Commissioner</b></p> <p><b>Office of the Gene Technology Regulator</b></p> <p><b>Organ and Tissue Authority</b></p>
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	<p><b>Outcome 1 (continued)</b></p> <p><b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b></p>
9.00pm	Break
9.15pm	<p><b>Outcome 1 (continued)</b></p> <p><b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b></p>
11.00pm	Adjournment

Thursday, 4 June 2026

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## Social Services

9.00am	<b>Department of Social Services</b> <b>Whole of Portfolio and Corporate Matters</b>
11.00am	Break
11.15am	<b>Outcome 1: Social Security</b> 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 – Disability Employment Services Program 1.9 – Income Apportionment Resolution Payment Cross Program – Rent Assistance
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	<b>Outcome 1 (continued)</b>
3.45pm	Break
4.00pm	<b>Outcome 2 – Families and Communities</b> Program 2.1 – Families and Communities (including the <a href="#">Closing the Gap Taskforce</a> ) <b>Closing the Gap Outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outcome 12 – Children in Out-Of-Home Care</li><li>• Outcome 13 – Family Safety</li></ul> <b>Australian Institute of Family Studies</b> <b>Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission</b> <b>National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People</b>
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	<b>Outcome 2 (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b>
9.00pm	Break

<b>9.15pm</b>	<b>Outcome 2 (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b>
<b>11.00pm</b>	Adjournment

Friday, 5 June 2026

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## Health, Disability and Ageing

9.00am	<p>Department of Health, Disability and Ageing</p> <p><b>Outcome 4 – Disability and Carers</b> Program 4.1 – Disability and Carers Program 4.2 – National Disability Insurance Scheme</p> <p><b>National Disability Insurance Agency</b> <b>NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission</b></p>
11.00am	Break
11.15am	<p><b>Outcome 4 (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b></p>
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	<p><b>Outcome 4 (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b></p>
4.00pm	Adjournment
4.15pm	<p><b>Outcome 4 (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b></p>
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	<p><b>Outcome 4 (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b></p>
9.00pm	Break
9.15pm	<p><b>Outcome 4 (continued)</b> <b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b></p>
11.00pm	Adjournment