



HEARING PROGRAM

Budget Supplementary Estimates 2025–26

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Thursday, 9 October – Friday, 10 October 2025

Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



Hearing location

Committee Room 2S1,
Parliament House, Canberra
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Senator Michelle Ananda-Rajah
Senator Alex Antic
Senator Leah Blyth
Senator the Hon Carol Brown

Ministers attending

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

Secretariat

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Due dates for questions on notice (QoNs)

Thursday, 16 October 2025: Senators' written QoNs
Friday, 28 November 2025: answers to QoNs

Thursday, 9 October

Health, Disability and Ageing Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters
10.15am	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 (<u>including the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation</u>) 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 Health Practitioner Regulation Agency Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Australian Radiation and Nuclear Protection Agency National Blood Authority National Health Funding Body National Health and Medical Research Council Organ and Tissue Authority
11.15am	Morning Break
11.30am	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued) Closing the Gap Outcomes (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
1.00pm	Lunch Break

2.00pm	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued) Closing the Gap Outcomes (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
4.00pm	Afternoon Break
4.15pm	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
6.15pm	Dinner Break
7.15pm	Outcome 3: Ageing and Aged Care (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
9.00pm	Evening Break
9.15pm	Outcome 3: Ageing and Aged Care (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
9.45pm	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
11.00pm	Adjournment

Friday, 10 October

Social Services Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Outcome 4: Disability and Carers Program 4.1: Disability and Carers Program 4.2: National Disability Insurance Scheme
9.30am	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)
12.15pm	Department of Social Services Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters
1.15pm	Lunch Break
2.15pm	Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters (continued)
2.45pm	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
4.00pm	Afternoon Break

4.15pm	<p>Outcome 2: Families and Communities</p> <p>Program 2.1: Families and Communities (<u>including the Closing the Gap Taskforce</u>)</p> <p>Closing the Gap Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome 12: Children in Out-Of-Home Care • Outcome 13: Family Safety <p>Australian Institute of Family Studies Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People</p>
6.00pm	Adjournment