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## HEARING PROGRAM

# Supplementary Budget Estimates 2025–26

## Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Wednesday, 3 December – Thursday, 4 December 2025

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

Times listed are indicative only



### Hearing location

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

Apolline Kohen, Committee Secretary  
Ayrton Kiraly, Estimates Officer



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

Thursday, 11 December 2025: Senators' written QoNs  
Thursday, 29 January 2025: answers to QoNs

Wednesday, 3 December

## Health, Disability and Ageing Portfolio

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| 9.00am  | <b>Department of Health, Disability and Ageing</b><br><b>Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 11.15am | Morning Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 11.30am | <b>Outcome 3: Ageing and Aged Care</b><br>Program 3.1: Access and Information<br>Program 3.2: Aged Care Services<br>Program 3.3: Aged Care Quality<br><br><b>Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission</b><br><b>Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority</b><br><b>Inspector-General of Aged Care</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1.00pm  | Lunch Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2.00pm  | <b>Outcome 3: Ageing and Aged Care (continued)</b><br><b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 4.00pm  | Afternoon Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 4.15pm  | <b>Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support</b><br>Program 1.1: Health Research, Coordination and Access<br>Program 1.2: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention ( <u>including the National Mental Health Commission</u> )<br>Program 1.3: First Nations Health<br>Program 1.4: Health Workforce<br>Program 1.5: Preventative Health and Chronic Disease Support<br>Program 1.6: Primary Health Care Quality and Coordination<br>Program 1.7: Primary Care Practice Incentives and Medical Indemnity<br>Program 1.8: Health Protection, Emergency Response and Regulation ( <u>including the Therapeutic Goods Administration</u> )<br>Program 1.9: Immunisation ( <u>including the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation</u> )<br><br><b>Closing the Gap Outcomes:</b> <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> |

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|                | <b>Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care</b><br><b>Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency</b><br><b>Australian Institute of Health and Welfare</b><br><b>National Blood Authority</b><br><b>National Health and Medical Research Council</b> |
| <b>6.15pm</b>  | Dinner Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>7.15pm</b>  | <b>Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued)</b><br><b>Closing the Gap Outcomes (continued)</b><br><b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b>                                                                                            |
| <b>9.00pm</b>  | Evening Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>9.15pm</b>  | <b>Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued)</b><br><b>Closing the Gap Outcomes (continued)</b><br><b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b>                                                                                            |
| <b>11.00pm</b> | Adjournment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## Thursday, 4 December

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### Health, Disability and Ageing and Social Services Portfolio

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| <b>9.00am</b>  | <b>Department of Health, Disability and Ageing</b><br><b>Outcome 2: Individual Health Benefits</b><br>Program 2.1: Medical Benefits<br>Program 2.2: Hearing Services<br>Program 2.3: Pharmaceutical Benefits<br>Program 2.4: Private Health Insurance<br>Program 2.5: Dental Services<br>Program 2.6: Health Benefit Compliance<br>Program 2.7: Assistance through Aids and Appliances<br><b>Professional Services Review</b> |
| <b>11.00am</b> | Morning Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>11.15am</b> | <b>Outcome 4: Disability and Carers</b><br>Program 4.1: Disability and Carers<br>Program 4.2: National Disability Insurance Scheme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| <b>12.15pm</b> | <b>National Disability Insurance Agency</b><br><b>NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>1.15pm</b>  | Lunch Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>2.15pm</b>  | <b>National Disability Insurance Agency (continued)</b><br><b>NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (continued)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>4.15pm</b>  | Afternoon Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>4.30pm</b>  | <b>Department of Social Services</b><br><b>Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>5.30pm</b>  | <b>Outcome 1: Social Security</b><br>Program 1.1: Support for Families<br>Program 1.2: Paid Parental Leave<br>Program 1.3: Support for Seniors<br>Program 1.4: Financial Support for People with Disability<br>Program 1.5: Financial Support for Carers<br>Program 1.6: Working Age Payments<br>Program 1.7: Student Payments<br>Program 1.8: Employment Services<br>Cross Program – Rent Assistance                                                                                                                         |
| <b>6.30pm</b>  | Dinner Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>7.30pm</b>  | <b>Outcome 1: Social Security (continued)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>8.00pm</b>  | <b>Outcome 2: Families and Communities</b><br>Program 2.1: Families and Communities ( <u>including the Closing the Gap Taskforce</u> )<br><br><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><br><b>Australian Institute of Family Studies</b><br><b>Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission</b><br><b>National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People</b> |
| <b>9.00pm</b>  | Evening Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>9.15pm</b>  | <b>Outcome 2: Families and Communities (continued)</b><br><b>Closing the Gap Outcomes (continued)</b><br><b>All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)</b> |
| <b>11.00pm</b> | Adjournment                                                                                                                                                             |