



Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee  
Supplementary Estimates 2022-23  
Wednesday, 15 February 2023  
Daily summary

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.51pm in Committee Room 2S1.

The Committee called the following agencies of the Social Services Portfolio:

- Services Australia;
- Department of Social Services;
- NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission;
- National Disability Insurance Agency;
- Australian Institute of Family Studies; and
- Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission.

Some topics discussed by the committee included:

- Services Australia's procurement practices and procedures
- Parliamentary code of conduct
- Telephony figures
- Welfare infrastructure payment reform project
- Medical exemptions from undertaking mutual obligations
- Disaster recovery payments and the activation of the Disaster Recovery Allowance
- Centrepay and the implications of authorising deductions to another party to process, particularly unregulated private health facilities
- MyGov user audit
- Royal commission into violence abuse neglect and exploitation of people with a disability
- Australia's disability strategy 2021-31
- Implementation of the National Autism Strategy
- Co-design process of the Disability Employment Services
- Information, Linkages and Capacity Building grants
- Design and service delivery of Australian Disability Enterprises
- Fraud Fusion Taskforce
- Provision of sexual and physical intimacy services funded by the NDIS
- NDIS Review and economic rationale of the scheme
- Own motion Inquiry into Aspects of Supported Accommodation in the NDIS including the Short-Term Accommodation or Respite and approvals of single occupancy dwellings
- Progression of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Review
- Unauthorised restrictive practices
- NDIA compensation recovery process
- Inflationary pressures on the NDIS
- Process of the Independent Expert Review (IER) Program
- Staffing at the NDIA
- Cashless Debit Card (CDC) including the transition from the CDC to the Smart Card and functionality and technology associated with the cards
- Escaping violence payments and turnaround times for accessing payments and the increased demand in sexual violence services
- National Partnership Agreement on responses to family, sexual and domestic violence between the Commonwealth, states and territories

- Sylvan Review of the coordination and funding for financial counselling services across Australia
- Universities Australia-led sexual violence prevention work and communication strategies
- Impact of the Australian Institute of Family Studies' (AIFS) research on government policy including the AIFS-led Growing Up in Australia longitudinal study
- Work plans of the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission (DFSVC) and the Commission's involvement in developing the outcomes framework of the National Plan and National Action Plan
- Government services in Alice Springs and prevalence of sexual and family-related violence in Central Australia
- Additional 500 frontline community workers
- National Housing and Homelessness Agreement and specialist homelessness services

The committee will next meet at 9:00 am on Thursday, 16 February 2023 in Senate Committee Room 2S1, calling the Health and Aged Care Portfolio outcomes and agencies.

There is a slight change to tomorrow's program with:

- Outcome 2: Individual Health Benefits (continued) commencing from 11.15am – 12.15pm;
- Outcome 1: Health Policy Access and Support (group 1 agencies) now commencing from 12:15pm – 1.00pm;
- Lunch suspension will now commence from 1.00pm – 2:00pm: and
- Outcome 1: Health Policy Access and Support (group 1 agencies continued) will continue from 2.00pm – 4.00pm.