



Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Additional Estimates 2019-20
Thursday, 5 March 2020
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Community Affairs Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.00am until 10.59pm.

The committee called:

- department and agencies of the Social Services portfolio, including, National Disability Insurance Scheme Launch Transition Agency (NDIA), NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission, Digital Transformation Agency, Hearing Australia, and Services Australia.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- Coronavirus (COVID-19), including the preparedness of the Department of Social Services to deal with a possible wider outbreak;
- measures in place to ensure the continuity of income support payments;
- life goals of National Disability Insurance Scheme participants;
- NDIA staffing levels;
- payments for people affected by bushfire, including psychological effects;
- Cashless Debit Card trial;
- National Housing and Homelessness Agreement;
- services provided by Hearing Australia;
- Services Australia's income compliance program; and
- Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Simplifying Income Reporting and Other Measures) Bill 2020.

This concludes the Community Affairs Legislation Committee's examination of the 2019-20 Additional Estimates.