



Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2021-22
Wednesday, 2 June 2021
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 10.58pm.

The committee called:

- Department of Health including Outcomes 3, 2 and 4; Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission; Sport Australia (Australian Institute of Sport); and Australian Sports Foundation.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- additional home care packages;
- home package waiting times for level 3 and level 4;
- Fair Work Australia to hand down decision regarding aged care workforce wages;
- update on Aged Care Quality and Safety Royal Commission report recommendations and those only accepted by the government in principle;
- single site working arrangements for aged care workers when a hotspot is declared;
- mental health of older Australians in aged care;
- labour supply and demand in aged care workforce across Australia;
- daily living expenses to be covered by introduction of \$10 per resident per day payment:
 - providers need to report quarterly on adequacy of living conditions (e.g. food) against new quality standards
 - department is drafting principles on use of chemical and physical restraints in aged care;
- aged care funding;
- aged care quality indicators;
- new or amended PBS listings;
- opioid dependency treatment program review;
- Sport Australia—federal court case (CSIG program);
- grant decision process;
- National Sports Tribunal and anti-doping policies;
- Human Rights Commission report into Gymnastics Australia: response to recommendations;
- levels of female representation in Sport Australia;
- policy on gender inclusion in sport;
- arrangements for Australia's Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics:
 - update on vaccinations for teams
 - procedure for athletes prior to and on arrival to Tokyo; and
- future international sporting competitions being hosted by Australia.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Thursday 3 June in Committee Room 2S1, for its examination of the Social Services portfolio.