



Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2021-22
Thursday, 3 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 9.38pm.

The committee called:

- Department of Social Services including Whole of portfolio/Corporate matters, Outcomes 1 and 2

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- breach of privacy, MyGov account;
 - administration of redress scheme;
 - privacy training for staff;
- advice regarding the possibility to provide a disaster payment for people in lockdown;
- Indigenous apprentices;
- Boston Consulting contract;
- Centrelink wait times and applications from Victoria;
- CDC Indue contract—confidential outcomes;
- Help is Here campaign and evaluations;
- Our Watch website materials;
- review of Our Watch;
- cashless debit card;
 - declined transactions;
 - applications for exit;
 - evaluation;
 - transition from basics card in Northern Territory;
- overview of Women's safety measures;
- funding for frontline services;
- crisis payment for people affected by lockdown;
- liquid assets test;
- income free threshold;
- disability support pension;
- pensioner support payments;
- family tax benefit;
- student payments; and
- pension loan scheme.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Friday 4 June in Committee Room 2S1, to continue its examination of the Social Services portfolio.