



Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2022-23
Wednesday, 6 April 2022
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 5.15pm.

The committee called:

- Department and agencies of the Health portfolio, including the Therapeutic Goods Administration; Office of the Gene Technology Regulator; National Rural Health Commissioner; Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission; Sport Australia (Australian Institute of Sport); and Sport Integrity Australia.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- COVID vaccine efficacy;
- COVID vaccine booster campaign;
- fourth doses (winter booster);
- PPE distribution to aged care facilities;
- vaccination of children;
- vaccines delivered to Pacific Islands and Timor-Leste;
- mandatory vaccination for AEC staff;
- AHPRA guidelines and covid advice;
- support for rural and remote GPs;
- Medicare expenditure;
- stronger rural health strategy;
- recruitment and retention schemes for rural GPs;
- endometriosis funding;
- aged care workers wage rate and Fair Work case;
- funding and implementation of recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety;
- aged care bonus payments and audits of this process;
- homecare packages;
- aged care facility shifts surge workforce;
- 24/7 nurses in aged care facilities;
- women's health and leadership hub at Whitten Oval – budget item;
- women in sport programs;
- anti-doping program;
- Sports Integrity Australia and National Sports Tribunal – national integrity framework, update on the independent complaint handling process;
- sport grant programs; and
- grants for female facilities at sporting venues.

The committee will next meet at 9.00am on Thursday 7 April in Committee Room 2S1, for its examination of the Social Services portfolio.