



THE SENATE

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**Adequacy of Newstart and related payments and alternative mechanisms to determine the level of income support payments in Australia**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
Thursday 10 October 2019**

**Committee Room 2S3  
Parliament House, Canberra**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Witness</b>
8.30 am	<b>Department of Social Services</b> ( <i>Submission 80</i> ) Mr Nathan Williamson, Deputy Secretary, Social Security Mr Shane Bennett, Group Manager, Participation Payments and Families Ms Kath Paton, Branch Manager, Participation and Supplementary Payments  <b>Services Australia (Department of Human Services)</b> ( <i>Submission 80</i> ) Ms Catherine Rule, Deputy Secretary, Programme Design Group Mr Brendan Moon, A/g General Manager, Older Australians Division  <b>Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business</b> ( <i>Submission 80</i> ) Mr Nathan Smyth, Deputy Secretary Ms Benedikte Jensen, First Assistant Secretary, Labour Market Strategy Division
<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>
11.15 am	<b>The Australia Institute</b> ( <i>Submission 78</i> ) Mr David Richardson, Senior Research Fellow
12.00 pm	<b>Mental Health Australia</b> ( <i>Submission 64</i> ) Mr Harry Lovelock, Director, Policy and Projects Ms Ingrid Hatfield, Policy Officer
<b>12.45 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
1.30 pm	<b>Fair Work Commission (via teleconference)</b> Mr Murray Furlong, Executive Director Tribunal Services Branch Ms Samantha Farmakis-Gamboni, Director Modern Awards, Economics and Research
2.00 pm	<b>Mr David Stanton, Hon. Associate Professor, Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU</b> ( <i>Submission 71</i> )
<b>2.45 pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>
3.00 pm	<b>Dr Francis Markham</b> ( <i>Submission 77</i> )  <b>Professor Jon Altman</b> ( <i>Submission 77</i> )
3.45 pm	<b>ACT Government</b> ( <i>Submission 2</i> ) Ms Suzanne Orr MLA, Minister for Community Services and Facilities

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<b>4.30 pm</b>	<b><i>Adjournment</i></b>
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