



THE SENATE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Social Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Technical Changes No. 2) Bill 2025

PUBLIC HEARING
Friday 3 October 2025

Committee Room 2S1
Parliament House, Canberra

Time	Witness
9.00 am	Australian Council of Social Service (<i>Submission 8</i>) Australian Council of Social Service (<i>Submission 8</i>) Ms Charmaine Crowe, Program Director Social Security Anglicare Australia (<i>Submission 6</i>) Anglicare Australia (<i>Submission 6</i>) Ms Kasy Chambers, Executive Director National Women's Safety Alliance (<i>Submission 2</i>) Working with Women Alliance (<i>Submission 2</i>) Ms Katherine Berney, Executive Director Ms Terese Edwards, Single Mother Families Australia, CEO
9.45 am	Economic Justice Australia (<i>Submission 4</i>) Economic Justice Australia (<i>Submission 4</i>) Ms Veronica Williams, Senior Lawyer Financial Counselling Australia Financial Counselling Australia Ms Rebekah Sarkoezy, Director of Policy and Campaigns Ms Deb Shroot, Financial Counsellor and Sector Advocate Financial Rights Legal Centre (Mob Strong Debt Help) Financial Rights Legal Centre (Mob Strong Debt Help) Mrs Bettina Cooper, Mob Strong Senior Financial Counselling and Strategy Lead
10.30 am	Morning Tea
10.45 am	Antipoverty Centre (<i>Submission 10</i>) Antipoverty Centre Mr Jay Coonan, Co-coordinator Ms Kristin O'Connell, Co-coordinator Darwin Community Legal Service (<i>Submission 3</i>) Darwin Community Legal Service (<i>Submission 3</i>) Mr Solomon Berhane, Community Solicitor

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11.15 am	<p>Department of Social Services (<i>Submission 5</i>) Department of Social Services (<i>Submission 5</i>) Mr Matt Flavel, Deputy Secretary, Social Security Mr Andrew Seebach, Branch Manager, International Payments, and Compliance Mrs Bronwyn Worswick, Chief Legal Counsel, Legal Services Group Executive</p> <p>Services Australia (<i>Submission 5</i>) Services Australia (<i>Submission 5</i>) Mr Chris Birrer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Payment and Integrity Group Mr Dan Blackmore, Acting General Manager, Legal Compliance and Remediation Mr Robert Higgins, General Manager, Payment Assurance Program and Appeals</p>
12.00 pm	Adjournment