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Inquiry into Aged Care Amendment (Staffing Ratio Disclosure) Bill 2018

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The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport has commenced an *Inquiry into the Aged Care Amendment (Staffing Ratio Disclosure) Bill 2018*.

The Bill proposes the quarterly reporting of the ratio of aged care recipients to aged care staff (staffing ratio) by aged care providers. The Bill proposes this reporting also require the break-down of staff (employed by aged care service providers) by category and where applicable, level. (E.g. Registered Nurse, Enrolled Nurse, Personal Care Attendant, Allied Health Staff and Other Staff). In addition, the Bill proposes to require that any change to the staffing ratio which is greater than 10 percent (and occurs between quarterly reports) to be notified (within 28 days of a change) for the purpose of being made public.

A copy of the Bill and its accompanying Explanatory Memorandum is available at: https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bld=r6157

Submissions from interested individuals and organisations are invited to be received by **Thursday, 4 October 2018**. The preferred method of receiving submissions is by electronic format lodged [online](#) using a My Parliament account.

Further information about the Committee's inquiry is available on the Committee's [website](#).

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