

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Health and Aged Care

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Inquiry into the Aged Care Bill 2024 (Provisions)

03 October 2024

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Role of the Aged Care Taskforce

Written

Senator: Marielle Smith

Question:

What was the role of the Aged Care Taskforce and who was represented on it

Answer:

The Aged Care Taskforce (Taskforce) was established as a time-limited body to provide expert advice to Government through the Minister for Aged Care. It was not a decision making or funding body.

The role of the Taskforce was to provide Government with advice on funding arrangements for aged care to ensure that the aged care system is fair and equitable for all Australians.

The Taskforce was chaired by the Minister for Aged Care, the Hon Anika Wells MP. The Deputy Chair was Nigel Ray PSM.

The Taskforce consisted of 16 members with broad experience and expertise across health and aged care, banking and finance, economics and public policy, including representatives from aged care providers, current and future aged care participants, younger people, and diverse cohorts.

The Taskforce's members were appointed as experts and policy leaders with the ability to provide representative advice for their respective sector.

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The Hon Anika Wells (Chair)

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