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House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs Inquiry into the Social Security Commission Bill 2018

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Social Security Commission Bill to be reviewed

The House of Representatives [Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs](#) is to examine the [Social Security Commission Bill 2018](#). The bill is a private member's bill introduced by Ms Cathy McGowan AO, MP, Independent Member for Indi.

The bill seeks to establish an independent Social Security Commission, as a statutory agency, to provide Parliament with advice on acceptable minimum levels for social security payments.

The Social Security Commission would conduct reviews of social security payments, including recommendations for increases to payments where needed. The Commission would submit its recommendations to the relevant Minister, and the government would be required to respond. The reports of the reviews would also be tabled in Parliament and available to the public.

The text of the bill, as well as its explanatory memorandum, can be accessed on [the Committee's website](#).

The Committee will accept written submissions until **Friday, 1 March 2019**.

Further information about the inquiry is available on the [inquiry webpage](#). Information about how to make a submission to an inquiry can be obtained from the [Parliament of Australia webpage](#).

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