

The Senate BUSINESS OF COMMITTEES

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SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearings: ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES FOR 2011–12

Wednesday, 15 February and Thursday, 16 February 2012

**Committee Room 2S1
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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Friday, 17 February 2012

**Main Committee Room
Parliament House
Canberra ACT**

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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2012

9.00 am

Health and Ageing Portfolio

**Department of Health and Ageing
Whole of portfolio/corporate matters**

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

National Health Performance Authority

10.15 am	Morning tea
10.30 am	Outcome 5 Primary Care Program 5.1 Primary care education and training Program 5.2 Primary care financing, quality and access Program 5.3 Primary care practice incentives General Practice Education and Training Ltd
11.30 am	Outcome 9 Private Health Program 9.1 Private health insurance Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC)
12.00 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	Outcome 11 Mental Health Program 11.1 Mental health
2.15 pm	Outcome 4 Aged Care and Population Ageing Program 4.1 Aged care assessment Program 4.2 Aged care workforce Program 4.3 Ageing information and support Program 4.4 Community care Program 4.5 Culturally appropriate aged care Program 4.6 Residential care Program 4.7 Flexible aged care Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Ltd
3.15 pm	Outcome 7 Hearing Services Program 7.1 Hearing services
3.30 pm	Afternoon tea
3.45 pm	Outcome 10 Health System Capacity and Quality Program 10.1 Chronic disease – treatment Program 10.2 e-Health implementation Program 10.3 Health information Program 10.4 International policy engagement Program 10.5 Research capacity and quality Program 10.6 Health infrastructure Cancer Australia National e-Health Transition Authority National Health and Medical Research Council
5.15 pm	Outcome 3 Access to Medical Services Program 3.1 Medicare services Program 3.2 Targeted assistance – medical Program 3.3 Diagnostic imaging services

Program 3.4 Pathology services
Program 3.5 Chronic disease – radiation oncology

Professional Services Review

6.00 pm

Dinner

7.00 pm

Outcome 1 Population Health

Program 1.1 Prevention, early detection and service improvement
Program 1.2 Communicable disease control
Program 1.3 Drug strategy
Program 1.4 Regulatory policy
Program 1.5 Immunisation
Program 1.6 Public health

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Australian National Preventative Health Agency

**Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency
(ARPANSA)**

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)

Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)

8.15 pm

Outcome 2 Access to Pharmaceutical Services

Program 2.1 Community pharmacy and pharmaceutical awareness
Program 2.2 Pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical services
Program 2.3 Targeted assistance – pharmaceuticals
Program 2.4 Targeted assistance – aids and appliances

8.45 pm

Outcome 13 Acute Care

Program 13.1 Blood and organ donation services
Program 13.2 Medical indemnity
Program 13.3 Public hospitals and information

**Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation
Authority**

9.30 pm

Tea break

9.45 pm

Outcome 6 Rural Health

Program 6.1 Rural health services

10.30 pm

Outcome 12 Health Workforce Capacity

Program 12.1 Workforce and rural distribution
Program 12.2. Workforce development and innovation

Health Workforce Australia

10.50 pm **Outcome 14 Biosecurity and Emergency Response**
 Program 14.1 Health emergency planning and response

National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)

11.00 pm **Adjournment**

Proposed breaks	Morning tea	10.15 am	10.30 am
	Lunch	12.00 pm	1.00 pm
	Afternoon tea	3.30 pm	3.45 pm
	Dinner	6.00 pm	7.00 pm
	Tea break	9.30 pm	9.45 pm

THURSDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2012

9.00am **Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio**

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Whole of portfolio/corporate matters

10.15 am **Tea break**

10.30 am **Outcome 1 Families and Children**
 Program 1.1 Family support
 Program 1.2 Family tax benefit
 Program 1.3 Parent and baby payments

Australian Institute of Family Studies

11.30 am **Outcome 2 Housing**
 Program 2.1 Housing assistance and homelessness prevention
 Program 2.2 Affordable housing

1.00 pm **Lunch**

2.00 pm **Outcome 3 Community Capability and the Vulnerable**
 Program 3.1 Financial management
 Program 3.2 Community investment
 Program 3.3 Income support for vulnerable people
 Program 3.4 Income support for people in special circumstances
 Program 3.5 Supplementary payments and support for income support recipients

3.00 pm **Outcome 4 Seniors**
 Program 4.1 Income support for seniors
 Program 4.2 Allowances, concessions and services for seniors

3.30 pm **Outcome 5 Disability and carers**
Program 5.1 Targeted community care
Program 5.2 Disability support pension
Program 5.3 Income support for carers
Program 5.4 Services and support for people with disability
Program 5.5 Support for carers

4.30 pm ***Afternoon tea***

4.45 pm **Outcome 6 Women**
Program 6.1 Gender equality for women (including Office for Women)

Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency (EOWA)

5.30 pm **Human Services Portfolio**

Australian Hearing

Department of Human Services
Corporate matters

[Dinner:
6.00 pm – 7.00 pm]
[Tea break:
9.00 pm – 9.15pm]

Outcome 1 Support individuals, families and communities to achieve greater self-sufficiency; through the delivery of policy advice and high quality accessible social, health and child support services and other payments; and support providers and businesses through convenient and efficient service delivery
Program 1.1 Services to the community (including Centrelink, Medicare Australia and CRS Australia)
Program 1.2 Child support (including Child Support Program)

11.00 pm ***Adjournment***

Proposed breaks	Morning tea	10.15 am	10.30 am
	Lunch	1.00 pm	2.00 pm
	Afternoon tea	4.30 pm	4.45 pm
	Dinner	6.00 pm	7.00 pm
	Tea break	9.00 pm	9.15 pm

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SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Public Hearing: **Hearing on Cross Portfolio Indigenous matters**

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Time	Themes	Issues	Departments/Agencies
8.30 am	Closing the Gap	▪ COAG National Indigenous Reform Agreement: implementation ▪ Remote Service Delivery - o Coordinator General	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of the Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services
10.00 am	<i>Morning tea</i>		
10.15 am	Northern Territory Emergency Response	▪ Evaluation	FaHCSIA
10.45 am	Employment and Economic Development / Indigenous Business Australia	▪ Indigenous Employment Program ▪ Learn Earn Legend ▪ Australian Employment Covenant¹ ▪ Remote participation and employment services ▪ Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) ▪ Aboriginals Benefit Accounts (ABA) ▪ Home Ownership on Indigenous Land (HOIL) Program	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) FaHCSIA Indigenous Business Australia (IBA)
		▪ Outback Stores	Outback Stores
12.30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>		
1.30 pm	Indigenous Housing	▪ Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) ▪ National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing	FaHCSIA

¹ we are advised that this is not a program as such; it is an initiative run by a private company which receives funding from other sources – DEEWR contributes funding through the Indigenous Employment Program

2.15 pm	Health Issues	▪ Progress with Indigenous health initiatives including: - o hearing health - o Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services (including health services and clinics in the Torres Strait) - o dental health - o mental health (including Indigenous Suicide Strategy/ Suicide Prevention Action Plan) - o petrol sniffing - o dialysis - o smoking reduction - o foetal alcohol spectrum disorder - o Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) Co-Payment Measure	Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) FaHCSIA
4.00 pm	Adjournment		

Proposed breaks

Morning tea
Lunch

10.00 am
12.30 pm

10.15 am
1.30 pm

All times are indicative.

Please also note that the Committee has agreed that:

- Agencies that **are not required to appear** include Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Anindilyakwa Land Council, Central Land Council, Indigenous Land Corporation, Northern Land Council, Tiwi Land Council and the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council.
- The Torres Strait Regional Authority will be called to appear at a later time. It is likely that the hearing will be held on 22 March 2012.
- General policy and implementation matters relating to the Basics Card, Income Management, and links between Aboriginal Medical Services and Medicare Locals will be considered by the Community Affairs Committee during FaHCSIA and Human Services estimates hearings on Thursday 16 February 2012. Matters particularly related to indigenous communities will be considered at the cross-portfolio hearing.
- Indigenous education (including SEAM) and housing for teachers will be considered by the Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Committee during DEEWR's estimates hearings.
- Any Indigenous law and justice matters, including Native Title, night patrols, and alcohol management would be considered by the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee during estimates for the Attorney-General's portfolio.

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