

## **Community Affairs Committee**

The Committee met on Wednesday 20 October 2010, from 9.02 am until 10.58 pm.

The Committee called:

- The department and agencies of the Health and Ageing portfolio, including the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency, the Food Standards Australia New Zealand, the Cancer Australia Agency, the National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre, the National Health and Medical Research Council, Health Workforce Australia, and the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority.

Among other issues, the main issues discussed were matters relating to:

- Flu vaccines
- Thermal scanners in airports
- GP Super Clinics
- The agreement between the Government and Mr Windsor MP and Mr Oakeshott MP regarding health services in regional areas
- Mental health issues
- Midwives
- Men's health initiatives
- Aged care facilities
- E-health initiatives, including the implementation of the healthcare identifier legislation
- Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme
- Private health insurance
- Public dental services
- Protocols concerning organ and tissue donation
- Preventative health issues