

Community Affairs Committee

The Committee met on Thursday 21 October 2010, from 9.00 am until 10.50 pm.

The Committee called the:

- Department and agencies of the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio, including the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency; and
- Department and agencies of the Human Services Portfolio, including Centrelink, Medicare Australia, and Australian Hearing.

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

- The finalisation of the Administrative Arrangements Orders
- The answering of a Question on Notice
- Number of women on Government boards and wage equality for women
- Access for people with disabilities to cinemas
- Portability of Disability Support Pension
- Family Relationship Centres and Family Support Programmes
- Forgotten Australians – commitments stemming from apology
- Bath report on child protection issues in the Northern Territory
- Homelessness
- Income management
- Child Support Agency
- Fraud investigations and ANAO reports
- Administration of paid parental leave (through Family Assistance Office)
- Hearing services provided by Hearing Australia
- Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme