

## **Community Affairs Committee**

The Committee met on Friday 22 October 2010, from 9.02 am until 4.00 pm.

The Committee called the:

- Department and agencies of the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio, including Indigenous Business Australia; and
- Department of Health and Ageing;
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; and
- Department of Human Services

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

- The *Closing the Gap* Report, including school attendance, income management and signage in communities
- Housing, including completion rates, design issues and refurbishment
- Health, including petrol sniffing initiatives, dental and dialysis services, suicide prevention and aged care issues
- Employment, including the use of local labour in construction project and the Australian Employment Covenant
- The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
- Indigenous Business Australia, including the number and value of housing loans, interest rates, waiting lists, the Business Development Project and micro loans in conjunction with the NAB