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Topic: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex People (LGBTI)

Aged Care Strategy

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Senator Smith asked:

In relation to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex People (LGBTI) Aged Care Strategy, what will be the new targeted reporting date and what are the goal strategies?

Answer:

The Department will report annually on activities undertaken to better support older people from diverse backgrounds. It is anticipated that a final report on the outcomes and achievements of the National LGBTI Ageing and Aged Care Strategy (the LGBTI Strategy) will be released nearing the completion of the implementation period.

The LGBTI Strategy is supported by six strategic goals:

- 1. LGBTI People will experience equitable access to appropriate ageing and aged care services.
- 2. The aged care and LGBTI sectors will be supported and resourced to proactively address the needs of older LGBTI people.
- 3. Ageing and aged care services will be supported to deliver LGBTI-inclusive services
- 4. LGBTI-inclusive ageing and aged care services will be delivered by a skilled and competent paid and volunteer workforce.
- 5. LGBTI communities, including older LGBTI people, will be actively engaged in the planning, delivery and evaluation of ageing and aged care policies, programs and services.
- 6. LGBTI people, their families and carers will be a priority for ageing and aged care research.