



Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2018-19
Friday, 1 June 2018
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in the Community Affairs Legislation Committee estimates hearing.

The committee met from 9.00am until 7.41pm.

The committee called entities of the Social Services Portfolio as follows:

- Department of Social Services
- National Disability Insurance Agency

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- National Disability Insurance Scheme—including provisions for the appropriate training of local area coordination planners, complaints arising from delays in reviewing participants' plans, and an ICT service outage affecting participants' access to online resources;
- National Rental Affordability Scheme—including investor complaints and consultation on legislative reform;
- homelessness—including increased rates and best practice responses;
- National Housing and Homelessness Agreement—including progress made with bilateral negotiations between Commonwealth and state and territory governments, and funding for crisis accommodation;
- Commonwealth Redress Scheme for Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse—including provisions for the scheme's counselling services and criminal conviction entitlement provisions; and
- Cashless Debit Card—including financial support for participants and costs associated with trial sites.

The committee concluded its scheduled consideration of the Social Services Portfolio.