



Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2019-20
Wednesday, 10 April 2019
Daily summary

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

The committee met from 9.03am until 8.20pm.

The committee called:

- Department of Health; and
- Sport Australia.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- expenditure on advertisements for Australian Government initiatives, particularly the amount and timing of advertising expenditure in the lead up to an election;
- budget processes which resulted in funding for an anticipated 10 000 residential aged care places not being included in the 2019-20 Budget;
- evidence indicating people being treated for cancer are regularly facing significant out-of-pocket costs, including when being treated in the public hospital system;
- action being taken to reduce the use of chemical restraint in residential aged care; and
- funding for mental health measures, including eating disorders, headspace centres and adult mental health centres.