



Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018-19
Wednesday, 24 October 2018
Daily summary

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

The committee met from 9.02am until 10.41pm.

The committee called agencies of the Health Portfolio, as follows:

- Department of Health;
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare;
- Australian Aged Care Quality Agency;
- Aged Care Complaints Commissioner;
- National Mental Health Commission;
- Food Standards Australia New Zealand;
- Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority; and
- Australian Sports Commission.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- total expenditure for aged care in the Health Portfolio;
- anticipated operations of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety;
- wait times for Home Care Packages;
- administration of the My Health Record system, including opt-out numbers; communication campaign and costs; corrections to a publication produced by the Parliamentary Library; and operability of the MHR system with the practice software used by general practitioners;
- particulars of the Department of Health's contract with Telstra to develop and operate the National Cancer Screening Register; and
- matters relating to mental health, including the Productivity Commission's mental health inquiry and funding for Headspace services.

The committee concluded its consideration of the Health Portfolio.

The committee will next meet at **9.00am** on Thursday, 25 October in Committee Room 2S1.