



Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2019-20
Thursday, 24 October 2019
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 11.00pm.

The committee called:

- department agencies of the Social Services portfolio, including the Australian Institute of Family Studies, National Disability Insurance Scheme Launch Transition Agency (NDIA), and the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission; and
- department and agencies of the Services Australia portfolio including the Digital Transformation Agency.

Topics discussed by the committee included:

- selection process for NDIA's Chief Executive Officer;
- NDIS wait times for access and approval of plans;
- interaction between the NDIA and the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability;
- Newstart recipients with partial capacity to work;
- drug testing trial and methods of testing;
- Cashless Debit Card legislation;
- National Rental Affordability Scheme;
- National Housing and Homelessness Agreement;
- functions of the Digital Transformation Agency; and
- Centrelink's compliance program.

This concludes the Community Affairs Legislation Committee's examination of the 2019-20 Supplementary Budget Estimates.