



Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Budget Estimates 2017-18
Tuesday, 30 May 2017
Daily summary

Here is the summary of today's proceedings in Community Affairs Committee Estimates.

The committee met from 9.04 am until 10.59 pm.

The committee called agencies of the Health Portfolio, including:

- National Mental Health Commission;
- Independent Hospital Pricing Authority;
- Australian Aged Care Quality Agency; and
- Australian Aged Care Complaints Commissioner.

Areas of interest covered today included:

- particulars of the funding arrangements for mental health service delivery through the Primary Health Networks;
- mechanisms for the funding of the National Disability Insurance Scheme regarding psycho-social and mental health services;
- distribution and selection of Headspace centres and associated funding divisions;
- matters of indigenous suicide, particularly prevention efforts in the Kimberley region;
- prospective governance arrangements to underpin the Fifth National Mental Health Plan;
- efforts to reduce seclusion and restraint practices in mental health facilities;
- nationally consistent assessment frameworks for Aged Care Assessment Team service delivery;
- improvements to the access of mental health care services in residential aged care facilities;
- accreditation, assessment and operation of residential aged care facilities, in particular the Oakden facility in South Australia; and
- plans for a national lottery to help fund the National Sport Plan.

The committee has further 2017-18 Budget Estimates hearings scheduled for 31 May – 1 June 2017.