



**STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**  
**Legislation Committee**

31 July 2019

**Report on Annual Reports (No. 2 of 2019)**

This is the second Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee (committee) report on annual reports for 2019. Under Standing Order 25(20), the annual reports of departments and agencies within the Health Portfolio and Social Services Portfolio, including Services Australia,<sup>1</sup> are referred to the committee for examination and report.

Standing Order 25(20)(f) requires that annual reports tabled by 31 October each year are reported on by the tenth sitting day of the following year, and annual reports tabled by 30 April each year are reported on by the tenth sitting day after 30 June of that year. However for the 2017–2018 reporting year, annual reports of the departments and agencies within the committee's allocated portfolios were tabled in time for consideration in the committee's first report on annual reports for 2019. That report was presented to the Senate out of sitting on 14 May 2019.<sup>2</sup>

The committee notes the following documents were presented to the Senate and referred to the committee, between 1 November 2018 and 1 May 2019, which are not required to be examined under Standing Order 25(20):

- *Aged Care Act 1997*—Report for 2017–18 on the operation of the Act (tabled 3 December 2018);
- Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee—Regional telecommunications review 2018—Getting it right out there (tabled 4 December 2018);
- Department of Finance—Consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 (received 12 December 2018);
- *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002*—Report on the operation of the Act for the period 1 March to 31 August 2018 (received 12 December 2018);
- Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority—Report for 2017–18—addendum (received 22 January 2019);
- Department of the Treasury—Tax Benchmarks and Variations Statement 2018 (received 29 January 2019);
- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)—Report for 2017–18 (tabled 12 February 2019);

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<sup>1</sup> *Journals of the Senate*, No. 3, 4 July 2019, p. 85.

<sup>2</sup> *Journals of the Senate*, No. 1, 2 July 2019, p. 11.

- Mid-year economic and fiscal outlook 2018–19—Statement by the Treasurer and the Minister for Finance (tabled 12 February 2019);
- National Health Practitioner Ombudsman and Privacy Commissioner—Report for 2017–18 (tabled 12 February 2019);
- Advance to the Finance Minister—Report on advances provided under the annual Appropriation Acts for 2017–18 (tabled 13 February 2019);
- Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly report for the period 1 June to 30 September 2018 (received 28 February 2019);
- Regional Telecommunications Independent Review Committee—Regional Telecommunications Review 2018: Getting it right out there—Government response, dated 20 March 2019 (received 20 March 2019); and
- Healthcare Identifiers Act 2010—Healthcare Identifiers Act and Service Review—Final report, dated November 2018 (tabled 3 April 2019).

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