



HEARING PROGRAM

Budget Additional Estimates 2024–25

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Wednesday, 26 February – Thursday, 27 February 2025
Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only



Hearing location

Committee Room 2S1,
Parliament House, Canberra
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Senator Hollie Hughes
Senator Maria Kovacic
Senator Louise Pratt
Senator Anne Urquhart

Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Don Farrell
Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher
Senator the Hon Malarndirri McCarthy

Secretariat

Apolline Kohen, Committee Secretary
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Due dates for questions on notice (QoNs)

Thursday, 6 March 2025: Senators' written QoNs
Monday, 24 March 2025: answers to QoNs

Wednesday, 26 February

Health and Aged Care Portfolio

9.00am	Department of Health and Aged Care Whole of Portfolio / Corporate Matters
10.15am	Outcome 2: Individual Health Benefits Program 2.1: Medical Benefits Program 2.2: Hearing Services Program 2.3: Pharmaceutical Benefits Program 2.4: Private Health Insurance Program 2.5: Dental Services Program 2.6: Health Benefit Compliance Program 2.7: Assistance through Aids and Appliances Professional Services Review Australian Digital Health Agency
11.15am	Morning Break
11.30am	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support Program 1.1: Health Research, Coordination and Access Program 1.2: Mental Health (<u>including the National Mental Health Commission</u>) Program 1.4: Health Workforce Program 1.5: Preventative Health and Chronic Disease Support Program 1.6: Primary Health Care Quality and Coordination Program 1.7: Primary Care Practice Incentives and Medical Indemnity Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency Australian Institute of Health and Welfare National Health and Medical Research Council National Rural Health Commissioner
1.00pm	Lunch Break
2.00pm	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
3.30pm	Outcome 3: Ageing and Aged Care Program 3.1: Access and Information Program 3.2: Aged Care Services Program 3.3: Aged Care Quality Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority Inspector-General of Aged Care
4.00pm	Afternoon Break

4.15pm	Outcome 3: Ageing and Aged Care All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
6.15pm	Dinner Break
7.15pm	Outcome 4: Sport and Physical Activity Program 4.1: Sport and Physical Activity Australian Sports Commission
7.45pm	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (including the TGA and ATAGI) Program 1.8: Health Protection, Emergency Response and Regulation Program 1.9: Immunisation National Blood Authority Office of the Gene Technology Regulator Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme
9.15pm	Evening Break
9.30pm	Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
11.00pm	Adjournment

Thursday, 27 February

Social Services Portfolio

9.00am	National Disability Insurance Agency NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission
11.00am	Morning Break
11.15am	National Disability Insurance Agency (continued) NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (continued)
12.15pm	Department of Social Services Outcome 3: Disability and Carers Program 3.1: Disability and Carers Program 3.2: National Disability Insurance Scheme
1.15pm	Lunch Break

2.15pm	Outcome 4: Housing Program 4.1: Housing and Homelessness Program 4.2: Affordable Housing
3.00pm	Outcome 1: Social Security Program 1.1: Support for Families Program 1.2: Paid Parental Leave Program 1.3: Support for Seniors Program 1.4: Financial Support for People with Disability Program 1.5: Financial Support for Carers Program 1.6: Working Age Payments Program 1.7: Student Payments Cross Program – Rent Assistance
4.15pm	Afternoon Break
4.30pm	Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters
5.30pm	Outcome 2: Families and Communities Program 2.1: Families and Communities Australian Institute of Family Studies Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission
6.00pm	Dinner Break
7.00pm	Outcome 2: Families and Communities (continued) All agencies listed in the previous session (continued)
8.00pm	Services Australia Whole of Portfolio / Corporate Matters
9.15pm	Evening Break
9.30pm	Services Australia (continued) Outcome 1: Deliver high-quality, accessible services and payments to individuals, families, businesses and partner agencies on behalf of Government; with a focus on contemporary service delivery and customer experience Program 1.1: Strategy and Corporate Enabling Program 1.2: Customer Service Delivery Program 1.3: Technology and Transformation
11.00pm	Adjournment