



THE SENATE

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

The extent and nature of poverty in Australia

PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday 15 August 2023

Parliament House, Committee Room 2S3
Canberra

Time	Witness
9.00 am	<p>Brotherhood of St Laurence (<i>Submission 21</i>) Dr Travers McLeod, Chief Executive Officer (in-person) Dr Emily Porter, Senior Research Fellow (via videoconference) Ms Kelly Bowey, Policy Advisor (via videoconference)</p> <p>The Salvation Army - via videoconference (<i>Submission 20</i>) Mr Stuart Foster, National General Manager, Community Services Ms Jennifer Kirkaldy, General Manager, Policy and Advocacy</p> <p>Lifeline Australia (<i>Submission 2</i>) Dr Anna Brooks, Chief Research Officer Mr Chris Siorokos, Executive Director, Government and Stakeholder Relations</p>
10.00 am	<p>All via videoconference: Westjustice (<i>Submission 74</i>) Ms Melissa Hardham, Chief Executive Officer Mr Joseph Nunweek, Legal Director Ms Jennifer Jones, Legal Director</p> <p>Consumer Action Law Centre (<i>Submission 41</i>) Ms Stephanie Tonkin, Chief Executive Officer Ms Kirsty Robson, Financial Counsellor</p> <p>Centrecare (<i>Submission 15</i>) Adjunct Professor Tony Pietropiccolo AM, Director</p>
11.00 am	Break
11.15 am	<p>All via videoconference: Children's Policy Centre (<i>Submission 38</i>) Professor Sharon Bessell, Director</p> <p>Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare (<i>Submission 86</i>) Ms Deb Tsorbaris, Chief Executive Officer Ms Caitlyn Robertson, Senior Policy and Research Officer</p>
12.15 pm	<p>Short statements from individuals with lived experience of poverty Dawne - via teleconference Caryn - via videoconference</p>

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1.15 pm	Lunch
2.15 pm	Department of Health and Aged Care Ms Bronwyn Field, First Assistant Secretary, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Mr Simon Cotterell, First Assistant Secretary, Primary Care Division Department of Education Ms Anne Twyman, First Assistant Secretary, Programs, Payments and Early Learning Division Ms Rachel O'Connor, Assistant Secretary, Student Engagement and Wellbeing Ms Rhyan Bloor, Assistant Secretary, Data and Delivery Support Branch
3.15 pm	Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Ms Erin Rule, Assistant Secretary, Targeted Employment Policy Branch Mr Adam Weideman, Assistant Secretary, Multilateral Branch Dr Andrew Wright, Director, Targeted Employment Policy Branch
3.45 pm	Break
4.00 pm	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman Mr Iain Anderson, Commonwealth Ombudsman
4.30 pm	Department of Social Services (<i>Submission 12</i>) Mr Matt Flavel, Deputy Secretary, Social Security Ms Jo Evans, Group Manager, Participation and Family Payments Mr Patrick Burford, Group Manager, Communities Mr Ben Peoples, Branch Manager, Participation and Supplementary Payments National Indigenous Australians Agency Mr Andy Johnston, Acting Group Manager, Social Policy Group Mr Carl Binning, Group Manager, Economic Empowerment Group Treasury Ms Khanh Hoang, Assistant Secretary
5.30 pm	Adjournment