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### Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport

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## Report on Aged Care Bill Presented

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport Committee today presented to Parliament its *Advisory Report on the Aged Care Amendment (Staffing Ratio Disclosure) Bill 2018*.

The Committee recommended the passage of the Bill, which would require aged care providers to report staff-to-patient ratios for their facilities on a quarterly basis.

The Committee Chair, Mr Trent Zimmerman MP, stated that ‘aged care has been a particular focus of the Committee’s work during 2018. In October, the Committee released the final report for its inquiry into aged care and followed that up with this inquiry.’

‘The Committee has recommended the passage of the Bill and welcomes the increased transparency for consumers that will be provided by the publication of staffing ratios. The Committee has also recommended that staffing ratios be published with additional contextual information to assist consumers interpret the data and enable them to be in a better position to make an informed choice’, Mr Zimmerman said.

The Report is available at the Committee’s website at:

[https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House/Health\\_Aged\\_Care\\_and\\_Sport/StaffingRatioBill/Report](https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Health_Aged_Care_and_Sport/StaffingRatioBill/Report)

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