

SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REFERENCES COMMITTEE

INQUIRY INTO THE FUNDING AND OPERATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH STATE/TERRITORY DISABILITY AGREEMENT

Terms of Reference

On 11 May 2006 the Senate agreed that the following matter be referred to the Community Affairs References Committee for inquiry and report by 7 December 2006.

An examination of the funding and operation of the Commonwealth-State/Territory Disability Agreement (CSTDA), including:

- (a) an examination of the intent and effect of the three CSTDAs to date;
- (b) the appropriateness or otherwise of current Commonwealth/State/Territory joint funding arrangements, including an analysis of levels of unmet needs and, in particular, the unmet need for accommodation services and support;
- (c) an examination of the ageing/disability interface with respect to health, aged care and other services, including the problems of jurisdictional overlap and inefficiency; and
- (d) an examination of alternative funding, jurisdiction and administrative arrangements, including relevant examples from overseas.

Written submissions are invited and should be addressed to:

**The Secretary
Senate Community Affairs References Committee
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600**

Closing date for the receipt of submissions is 4 August 2006.

The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically as an attached document - email: community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au

Submissions become Committee documents and are made public only after a decision by the Committee. Publication of submissions includes loading them onto the internet and their being available to other interested parties including the media. Persons making submissions must not release them without the approval of the Committee. Submissions are covered by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not protected.

Following consideration of submissions, the Committee will hold public hearings. The Committee will consider all submissions and may invite individuals and organisations to give evidence at the public hearings.

Information relating to Senate Committee inquiries, including notes to assist in the preparation of submissions for a Committee, can be located on the internet at http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm

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