

**SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**  
**INQUIRY INTO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY AGED CARE IN**  
**AUSTRALIA**

**Terms of Reference**

On 14 October 2008, the Senate referred to the Finance and Public Administration Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting day of April 2009:

The funding, planning, allocation, capital and equity of residential and community aged care in Australia, with particular reference to:

- (a) whether current funding levels are sufficient to meet the expected quality service provision outcomes;
- (b) how appropriate the current indexation formula is in recognising the actual cost of pricing aged care services to meet the expected level and quality of such services;
- (c) measures that can be taken to address regional variations in the cost of service delivery and the construction of aged care facilities;
- (d) whether there is an inequity in user payments between different groups of aged care consumers and, if so, how the inequity can be addressed;
- (e) whether the current planning ratio between community, high- and low-care places is appropriate; and
- (f) the impact of current and future residential places allocation and funding on the number and provision of community care places.