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2026–27 Supplementary Budget Estimates

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Wednesday 28 October 2026 and Thursday 29 October 2026

Committee Room 2S1, Parliament House, Canberra

Times listed are indicative only.



Hearing location

Committee Room 2S1,
Parliament House, Canberra
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Senator Ellie Whiteaker, Chair
Senator Penny Allman-Payne, Deputy Chair
Senator Michelle Ananda-Rajah
Senator the Hon Carol Brown
Senator Chris Gatenby
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston

Ministers attending

Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher
Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister
Senator the Hon Nita Green

Secretariat

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Due dates for questions on notice (QoNs)

5 November 2026: Senators' written QoNs
17 December 2026: answers to QoNs

Wednesday 28 October 2026

Health, Disability and Ageing portfolio

9.00am	Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters
11.15am	Break
11.30am	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
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Outcome 3 - Ageing and Aged Care (cont.) All agencies listed in the previous session (cont.)
4.00pm	Break
4.15pm	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 Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee
6.15pm	Dinner

7.15pm	Outcome 2 – Individual Health Benefits (cont.) Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (cont.)
9.00pm	Break
9.15pm	Outcome 1 – Health Policy, Access and Support Program 1.1: Health Research, Coordination and Access Program 1.2: Mental Health and Suicide Prevention (<u>including the National Mental Health Commission and National Suicide Prevention Office</u>) Program 1.3: First Nations Health 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 Program 1.8: Health Protection, Emergency Response and Regulation (<u>including the Therapeutic Goods Administration</u>) Program 1.9: Immunisation (<u>including the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation</u>) Closing the Gap Outcomes: • Outcome 1: Life Expectancy • Outcome 2: Healthy Birthweights • Outcome 14: Social and Emotional Wellbeing Australian Centre for Disease Control National Rural Health Commissioner
11.00pm	Adjournment

Thursday 29 October 2026

Health, Disability and Ageing and Social Services portfolio

9.00am	Department of Health, Disability and Ageing Outcome 1: Health Policy, Access and Support (cont.) Closing the Gap Outcomes (cont.) Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency Australian Institute of Health and Welfare National Health and Medical Research Council
11.00am	Break
11.15am	Outcome 4: Disability and Carers Program 4.1: Disability and Carers Program 4.2: National Disability Insurance Scheme
12.15pm	National Disability Insurance Agency NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission
1.15pm	Lunch
2.15pm	National Disability Insurance Agency (cont.) NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (cont.)
4.15pm	Break
4.30pm	Department of Social Services Whole of Portfolio/Corporate Matters

5.30pm	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 Program 1.8: Disability Employment Services Program 1.9: Income Apportionment Resolution Payment Cross Program – Rent Assistance
6.30pm	Dinner
7.30pm	Outcome 1: Social Security (cont.)
8.00pm	Outcome 2: Families and Communities Program 2.1: Families and Communities (<u>including the Closing the Gap Taskforce</u>) Closing the Gap Outcomes: • Outcome 12: Children in Out-Of-Home Care • Outcome 13: Family Safety Australian Institute of Family Studies Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Commission National Commission for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People
9.00pm	Break
9.15pm	Outcome 2: Families and Communities (cont.) Closing the Gap Outcomes (cont.) All agencies listed in the previous session (cont.)
11.00pm	Adjournment