

## Aged Care Transition Taskforce – Summary of fourth meeting – 17 February 2025

Members considered Stage 3 of the Aged Care Rules (Rules) that cover obligations on registered providers. A ‘Question and Answer’ panel session was held with policy leads from the Department of Health and Aged Care (the department). Members sought clarification and additional detail on worker screening and the role of state and territory governments and the Commonwealth.

Members discussed proposed solutions to implementation issues raised on the contribution policy under the Support at Home program and the department’s update on the plan for providing the sector with further information on funding, and the broader Support at Home program.

Members advised on the ‘no worse off’ principle and grandfathering arrangements, means testing and Service Agreements, hardship provisions and bad debt. Members sought further detail on the department’s approach to communicate on these issues and emphasised the importance of information that is fit for purpose and culturally appropriate. Members sought further time to discuss at the next meeting on 5 March 2025.

Members advised on risks regarding provider readiness and the time remaining to 1 July 2025 for system updates, workforce training and general preparedness.

Building on the [Data and Digital Roadmap](#), the department provided members with an overview of staged digital implementation and a provider digital readiness checklist that will support providers to prioritise critical activities for digital readiness. Members agreed to have a further briefing session with the department on 21 February.

### **In attendance (in-person and virtual):**

Anne Burgess AM	Chair
Sonja Stewart	Deputy Chair, Deputy Secretary, Ageing and Aged Care Group
Prof Tanya Buchanan	CEO Dementia Australia
Annie Butler	Federal Secretary, Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
Dr Paresh Dawda	General Practitioner, Principal and Director Prestantia Health and Next Practice
Tim Dymond	Senior Policy Analyst, United Workers Union
Craig Gear OAM	CEO Older Persons Advocacy Network
Amanda Hawton	Executive Director, Reform Australian Unity
Liz Hefren-Webb	Commissioner, Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission
Emma Hossack	CEO Medical Software Industry Association

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Claerwen Little	National Director, UnitingCare Australia
Deidre McGill	Chief Operating Officer, Home & Community Support Bolton Clarke
Simon Miller	Chief Executive Officer, Anglicare
Natalie Molloy	Head of Operations and Clinical Governance, HammondCare
Patricia Sparrow	Chief Executive Officer, COTA
Tom Symondson	CEO, Ageing Australia (ACCPA)
Stephen Teulan	Board Chair, Catholic Healthcare Limited
<i>Luke Hiscox</i>	<i>National Secretary Health Services</i> <i>(nominated alternative for Lloyd Williams)</i>

### Apologies

Prof Jody Currie	Professor of Practice Queensland University of Technology
Andrea Kelly	Interim First Nations Aged Care Commissioner
Lloyd Williams	National Secretary Health Services