

Aged Care Sector Committee

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On Friday 6 July 2018 the Aged Care Sector Committee held a face to face meeting in Canberra.

The Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP, Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Indigenous Health, addressed the Committee on the importance of catering aged care services to Australia's diverse demographics and emphasized the importance of person-centred care.

Mr David Tune, AO PSM, as Chair of the Aged Care Sector Committee, asked the Committee how the Committee can best support the Department in implementing the Budget measures announced in May 2018.

Members were provided an overview of the budget measures and the importance of co-design and working collaboratively with the sector in implementing and achieving the Budget measure outcomes.

Updates were provided on the implementation of the following budget measures:

- Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission;
- The impact analysis of allocating residential aged care places to consumers instead of providers;
- Supporting residential aged care services to transition to new single quality standards;
- Comprehensive palliative care in aged care; and
- Mental health support for senior Australians.

The National Disability Insurance Agency attended the meeting and updated the Committee on the establishment of the National Disability Insurance Scheme's Quality and Safeguards Commission. [Fact sheet](#) handouts with information on the NDIS Commission were provided to the Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for 21 September 2018.