

Aged Care Sector Committee communiqué, 6 December 2019

The Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, addressed the Committee, acknowledging their work over the past 12 months.

Minister Colbeck discussed with Members the progress of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and the Government's response to the Interim Report.

Minister Colbeck advised Members of his decision to reappoint the Committee until 30 June 2021.

Members received an update from the department following the release of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety's Interim Report.

Members discussed priority areas for the Committee's 2020 work plan, health and aged care interface issues and the department's progress in supporting the aged care workforce.

The Aged Care Financing Authority (ACFA) discussed with Members its report on 'Attributes for Sustainable Aged Care – a funding and financing perspective' and provided an update on work being undertaken on the impacts of home care payments in arrears.

The Committee endorsed the 'Actions to support older people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness' Guides for Providers and Consumers developed by the Diversity Sub-group of the Committee.

The next face to face meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 27 March 2020.