

Aged Care Sector Committee – Communiqué – 26 June 2020

The Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck, addressed the Committee, thanking Members for their ongoing response to the COVID-19 situation. He acknowledged the sector's contribution in developing the Industry Code for Visitation for residential aged care facilities.

Minister Colbeck discussed with Members a range of current Australian Government reforms and initiatives. Members were encouraged to participate in the consultation on the Aged Care Worker Regulation Scheme.

Members received updates on the Specialist Dementia Care Program and the Aged Care Quality Indicators and Reporting.

The Department presented Members with an overview of the work being undertaken with HealthConsult towards a Single Unified System for Care of the Elderly in the Home. Members discussed the development of an Assessment Classification and Funding Model and the options considered.

Members agreed to develop a core set of priority recommendations on strategic aged care reforms for the Australian Government, to be informed by the work of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

Ms Samantha Edmonds, Chair of the Diversity Sub-group provided an update to Members on the work of the Committee, including the engagement of HealthConsult to evaluate the Aged Care Diversity Framework.

Members received an update on the Quality Sub-group and noted Minister Colbeck approved the Committee's Aged Care Quality Vision for Aged Care (Quality Vision). Members agreed to promote the Quality Vision to their networks and memberships.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 25 September 2020.