

Aged Care Sector Committee – Communiqué – 25 September 2020

Members discussed the Australian Government's response to COVID-19 in aged care and noted the work of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety (Royal Commission), including the expected special report on COVID-19 in aged care.

Members noted the Department's progress towards a Single Unified System for Care of the Elderly in the Home, including the development and testing of an Assessment Classification and Funding Model.

Members noted the Committee's Quality Sub-group is developing a work plan, which will take into account the directions of the Royal Commission, COVID-19 lessons and other relevant work.

Members received an update on the work of the Committee's Diversity Sub-group, including the status of the Homelessness action plan, progress of the Aged Care Diversity Communication Strategy and evaluation of the Aged Care Diversity Framework.

Members received an update on the work of the National Advisory Group for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Aged Care (NAGATSIAC), including its engagement with the Department on the Government's response to COVID-19.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 4 December 2020.