

Aged Care Sector Committee – Communiqué – 11 March 2021

The Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care Services, Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck discussed the Government's proposed approach for responding to the final report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety (Royal Commission), which was released on 1 March 2021.

The Minister advised that the Government is working through the recommendations, noting there are differences between the Commissioners' perspectives, especially around system governance. The Government will respond to findings of the Royal Commission as part of the 2021-22 Budget.

The Minister also advised that Government's response will be framed around the following five pillars:

- Home care
- Residential aged care quality and safety
- Residential aged care services and sustainability
- Workforce, and
- Governance.

Minister Colbeck acknowledged and thanked members for the committee's Aged Care Strategic Reform Priorities, which will be used to inform the Government's aged care reform.

The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Committee will be scheduled in May 2021.