

Inquiry into improving access to early childhood health and development checks

Terms of reference

That the Committee on Community Services inquire into and report on improving access to early childhood health and development checks, including:

- 1. Changes needed to address gaps in outcomes for vulnerable children, including those in rural and remote communities, Aboriginal communities, and culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
- 2. Barriers that affect parents' access to routine health and development checks that track their child's progress against developmental milestones.
- 3. Recruitment and retention of health professionals to address workforce shortages.
- 4. Funding for early intervention programs and screening to ensure children are given support for developmental issues, including telehealth and other models.
- 5. Any other related matters.

