



Inquiry into registered nurses in New South Wales nursing homes

That General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3 inquire into and report on registered nurses in New South Wales nursing homes, and in particular:

1. The need for registered nurses in nursing homes and other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care, in particular:
 - (a) the impact of amendments to the *Aged Care Act 1997* (Cth) by the *Aged Care (Living Longer Living Better) Act 2013* (Cth) on the requirement under s 104 of the *Public Health Act 2010* to have a registered nurse on duty at all times in a nursing home, and in particular:
 - (i) the impact this has on the safety of people in care
 - (ii) the possibility for cost-shifting onto other parts of the public health system as a result of any legislative or regulatory change to the current provisions
 - (b) the requirement for a registered nurse to be on duty in a nursing home at all times, as compared with requirements in aged care hospital wards
 - (c) the administration, procurement, storage and recording of administration of medication by non-registered nurses in nursing homes and other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care, as compared with hospital clinical settings
 - (d) the role of registered nurses in responding to critical incidents and preventing unnecessary hospital admissions
2. The need for further regulation and minimum standards for assistants in nursing and other employees or carers with similar classifications
3. The adequacy of nurse to patient ratios in nursing homes and other aged care facilities with residents who require a high level of residential care
4. The report by the NSW Health Aged Care Steering Committee, and
5. Any other related matter.

Committee membership

Ms Jan Barham MLC	The Greens	<i>Chair</i>
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