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Statement on the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, following the signing of letters patent by his Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (ret'd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia this afternoon.

The Morrison Government has agreed to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety's request for an extension of six months to continue to hear evidence from Australians and conduct its deliberations.

This Government has Aged Care front and centre of its agenda as one of our key priorities. We have committed to invest over \$90 billion into the sector over the next four years to enable senior Australians to remain in their homes for longer, support their choices, have their needs better understood and improve their quality of life.

It is important that our aged care sector continues to provide high quality care and that we understand where we can make improvements. The Government has continued to implement reforms while the Commission progresses, as we said we would, including the commencement of new Aged Care Quality Standards and Charter of Aged Care Rights and strengthened provisions around the use of restraints.

I welcome the appointment of an additional commissioner, the Hon Gaetano (Tony) Pagone QC.

I look forward to receiving the comprehensive analysis of the Royal Commission and their recommendations.

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