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Communique

The Ministerial Advisory Committee on Ageing held its fifth meeting of 2016 at Parliament House.

The Committee continued to discuss two key areas under its 2016 strategic plan – Digital Enablement and Cumulative Disadvantage. The Committee will continue to develop its advice on strategies to consolidate the leadership of NSW in promoting Digital Enablement among older people, while work on considering the impacts of Cumulative Disadvantage on older people is also ongoing.

Building on the Committee's work, members received a presentation from the David Emery and Ed Tellez from the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA). RBA spoke about innovations in payment methods, and sought input from the Committee.

The Committee also heard from NSW Treasury about the NSW Intergenerational Report (2016) and factors that impact on older people.

The Minister for Ageing, the Hon John Ajaka MP, updated the Committee on the imminent launch of the renewed NSW Ageing Strategy and requested the assistance of the Committee in promoting and communicating broadly to stakeholders.

The Committee also discussed the progress made in the areas of Grandparents Day, Tech Savvy Seniors, Liveable Communities, Seniors Card and Elder abuse.

Members were updated on the MACA Media Awards, with the awards ceremony taking place on October 17, 2016 at the Art Gallery NSW.

Other events taking place in October are the Art of Ageing Exhibition and Grandparents Day.

The next meeting will take place in November 2016.