

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE NDIS

The Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (JSC NDIS) marks the 10-year anniversary of the NDIS.

It was on 1 July 2013 that the NDIS launched at trial sites across the country, heralding a new ambitious and transformational approach to the provision of disability supports and services in Australia. Following trial and transition to the full scheme by 2020, the latest data reveals that over 590,000 individuals are now receiving support from the NDIS, with further growth projected.

Since its establishment in December 2013, the JSC NDIS has inquired into the implementation, performance, governance, administration and expenditure of the NDIS, with a view to ensuring that the scheme effectively serves the people with disability, their families and carers for whom the scheme was designed. The committee has travelled to every state and territory across Australia to hear from stakeholders, including people with lived experience of disability, advocates, service providers and government agencies.

Over the ten-year period, the committee has completed 26 reports and made 363 recommendations to government covering topics such as supported independent living, NDIS planning and the NDIS workforce.

Reflecting on the NDIS, the Chair of the JSC NDIS, Ms Libby Coker MP stated that:

Many Australians have described the scheme, when it works well, as life changing. Accordingly, our committee recognises there is widespread support for the vision of the NDIS – a vision of empowering people with disability to participate socially, have more access to job opportunities, and to exercise choice and control in pursuit of their goals. However, we have heard significant evidence of the deficiencies in the NDIS and the challenges faced by individuals attempting to access and navigate it.

At this 10-year milestone of the NDIS, the committee reiterates its commitment to reviewing the scheme and making recommendations to government to rectify its deficiencies and to ensure that the NDIS fulfils its potential to deliver positive outcomes for all Australians.

Further information on the committee's work can be found on the committee's website.

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