

Senator BILYK: I'll take that as a yes. Moving to deaths under the NDIA, I want to quote my colleague Senator Carol Brown, who is elsewhere at the moment. She recently told the Senate that MPs were constantly confronted with stories of people needing help to solve longstanding issues with the NDIS. She said that this included people dying before they got access to equipment, or families waiting over a year to get a plan for a young child. We have family after family ringing in tears because they can't get the service. Are you able to tell me how many people have died after their NDIS has been approved while waiting for all or any

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of the approved equipment and/or supports to be provided, like what happened with Tim Rubenach, the 32-year-old Tasmanian from north-east?

Mr Hoffman: From 1 July 2016 to 30 September 2019, 1,279 people who had been assessed as eligible for the NDIS died before receiving their first plan.

Senator BILYK: How many people have died after their NDIS plan came into effect while waiting for a requested review, like a section 48 or a section 100, or after requesting additional equipment or support?

Mr Hoffman: I don't have that data. We can take that on notice.