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Community Affairs Committee

Mr David Hazlehurst
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Senator

Thank you for your letter of 14 October 2024 to the Services Australia Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Hazlehurst, and I regarding the upcoming 2024-25 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearings. I appreciate the advance notice provided to officials to assist in our preparation for the hearings.

I provide my assurance that the Social Services Portfolio will come prepared to answer the questions set out in your correspondence, to the best of our ability. For those matters listed in your letter which are better described as an indication of themes that questions may relate to, officials will attempt to assist the Committee and respond to Senators on the day wherever possible.

I have also referred your request relating to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) including data breaches, fraud, data, NDIS PACE system and the NDIS claims process to the National Disability Insurance Agency as these matters fall within their operational responsibilities.

Regarding your request relating to the NDIS Sustainability Framework, I note that responsibilities are shared between the Department of Social Services, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) and the Treasury and I have also forwarded your request to PM&C and the Treasury.

I have enclosed a copy of your original letter for appropriate visibility.

Regards

22 October 2024