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Senator Marielle Smith  
Chair  
Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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Dear Senator Smith

Thank you for your ongoing engagement with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) in your capacity as Chair of the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee (Committee).

As you are aware, the NDIA is scheduled to appear for 2024–25 Supplementary Budget Estimates on 6 November 2024.

The NDIA will publish its Annual Report 2023–24 by 31 October 2024, including a summary of the Annual Financial Sustainability Report 2023–24, and will answer questions from Senators during the Agency's appearance at Senate Estimates on the Annual Report.

The NDIA will also be able to answer questions relating to data published in the Quarter 4 2023–24 NDIS Quarterly Report to disability ministers (Q4 Quarterly Report) (as at 30 June 2024) and the Annual Financial Sustainability Report (AFSR) 2022–23.

The NDIA has legislated obligations to publish a Monthly Summary and NDIS Quarterly Report, per the amended *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (NDIS Act).



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Section 174 of the NDIS Act requires the NDIS Quarterly Report be provided to the Ministerial Council within 42 days after the end of the period to which the report relates and published on the NDIS website within 45 days after the end of the period to which the report relates, that being by 11 November 2024 and 14 November 2024 respectively for the Quarter 1 2024–25 NDIS Quarterly Report to disability ministers (Q1 Quarterly Report).

Further, Section 175A of the NDIS Act requires the Agency to prepare and publish a monthly summary of statistics on the NDIS website, before the end of the 15th day after the end of a calendar month of a year, or the next day following the 15th day if it falls on a weekend. Section 175A took effect on 3 October 2024 meaning the first monthly summary covers October 2024 and is required to be published by 15 November 2024.

The Agency is working to meet its legislated reporting timeframes, however, I note that, at the date of its Senate Estimates appearance, the Q1 Quarterly Report will not have been considered by the NDIA Board or provided to Disability Ministers, therefore, not published on the NDIS website.

Further, the October 2024 Monthly Summary will not have been prepared by the date of the upcoming Senate Estimates appearance. The Agency will therefore not be able to answer questions regarding these documents at its appearance at Senate Estimates.

I appreciate the Committee considering this advice in its deliberations of content and questions to be raised at Senate Estimates. The NDIA values the significant work of the Committee and the Senate generally, and the important role that Senate Estimates hearings play within public administration.



I would be happy to provide any further information should you have any further questions on the above advice.

Yours sincerely

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