



Senator Marielle Smith
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
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Dear Senator Marielle Smith

Correction of evidence given at the 2024–25 Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing on 6 November 2024.

We are writing to correct evidence provided to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee during its examination of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) on Wednesday 6 November 2024.

We refer to the below extract from page 13 of the proof Hansard which we would like to correct:

Senator STEELE-JOHN: *Remind us how much money you were allocated in the reform for progress?*

Mr McNaughton: *It was \$739 million over four years. Ms McKenzie can confirm.*

Ms C McKenzie: *It was \$739 million; that's right.*

Mr McNaughton: *It was \$739 million over four years.*

Senator STEELE-JOHN: *How much of that \$739 million has been allocated to the eligibility branch?*

Mr McNaughton: *We'll break that down. There were nine initiatives in there. We will break that down.*



We wish to correct the evidence provided and advise that the NDIA was allocated \$732.9 million over 4 years from 2023–24 which included **8** initiatives. Of the **\$732.9 million**, the Scheme Eligibility Branch had expenditure of \$5.9 million in 2023–24, and has a budget allocation of \$16.0 million in 2024-25. In addition, we refer to the below extract from page 15 of the proof Hansard which we would like to correct:

***Mr McNaughton:** In the last six weeks, we did 7,487 eligibility reassessments. Of them, 32 per cent changed their status; they moved from section 25 to section 24, so 32 per cent stayed on the scheme but moved into permanent disability. A further 48 per cent exited the scheme. They were revoked. We're still seeking more information about the remaining per cent. They are the three sets of decisions.*

We wish to correct the evidence provided and advise, over the specified 6-week period, the total number of eligibility reassessments was 7,507.

Yours sincerely

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