

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Public Hearing – 25 July 2024
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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
National Disability Insurance Agency

Topic: Participant Reference Groups

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Question:

Senator STEELE-JOHN: Of course, but you have members of participant reference groups who have got deep experience in those areas from being on those groups. Mr Swainson had just informed us that that confidentiality agreement carries over to their work on the codesign group. Am I—

Mr Swainson: I'm not sure about that. I'm just making sure—

Senator STEELE-JOHN: Can you take that on notice—

Mr Swainson: I'm just making sure the information I give you is fulsome and the clearest information I have. I don't want in any way to mislead.

Senator STEELE-JOHN: If you could take that on notice, that would be great. Also then tell us, when you get back to us with the number of members of the various codesign working groups that we have, how many of those members are under agency confidentiality agreements. If you could identify that for us too—can you take that on notice? Thank you.

Answer:

The confidentiality agreements signed by members of the Participant Reference Groups (PRGs) and the Independent Advisory Council (IAC) apply only to activities conducted in connection with their role as members of the PRG and IAC.

In 2023, the National Disability Insurance Agency established 6 Reform for Outcomes Co-design working groups. In total these groups include 51 members, 26 of which have signed agency confidentiality agreements.