



JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

NDIS WORKFORCE INTERIM REPORT TABLED

9 December 2020

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) today tabled an interim report for its inquiry into the NDIS Workforce.

The unanimous report examines key issues related to the NDIS workforce, which have been raised by participants, providers, support workers, allied health professionals, representative bodies and other key stakeholders.

“The report makes 14 recommendations which aim to enhance the NDIS’ capacity to attract and retain a workforce with the skills, qualifications and experience to deliver safe, quality supports to NDIS participants,” Committee Chair, the Hon Kevin Andrews MP said.

The recommendations cover funding arrangements; training and accreditation; employment opportunities for people with lived experience of disability; the maldistribution of allied health professionals; investing in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce; and securing reliable workforce data to support workforce planning and policy development.

“Evidence presented to the committee during the inquiry indicates that more time is needed to fully consider the issues facing the NDIS workforce, including through further engagement with participants, providers and support workers,” Mr Andrews said.

The committee also understands that the Australian Government proposes to release a national workforce plan for the NDIS. Time is needed to assess the extent to which this plan—and other relevant Government initiatives—address the issues raised in evidence during the inquiry.

The committee will give further consideration to issues facing the NDIS workforce in the coming months, including holding additional public hearings, and proposes to present a final report to the Parliament in 2021.

The committee thanks all who participated in the inquiry by lodging submissions, giving testimony or expressing their views through correspondence.

The interim report is available on the committee's website:

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