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Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs
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Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Secretary,

On 21 November 2016, the NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS) appeared at a hearing into the *Social Services Legislation Amendment (Transition Mobility Allowance to the National Disability Insurance Scheme) Bill 2016 (Mobility Allowance Bill)*.

I took a question on notice from the Committee regarding whether NCOSS was consulted during the development of the *Mobility Allowance Bill*.

There is no internal documentation to suggest that NCOSS was consulted either around the development of the *Mobility Allowance Bill*, or when the *Mobility Allowance Bill* was introduced as a Federal Budget measure this year. I am unable to provide a more definite answer as NCOSS does not retain records of all of the processes it is asked to engage in.

Yours sincerely

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