

National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024 [Provisions]

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

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Question:

Senator DARMANIN: The next lot of questions that I've got are for the Chief Counsel of DSS. How many bills related to the NDIS have you worked on since joining the department?

Ms Worswick: Three.

Senator DARMANIN: And how many of these included an exposure draft process?

Ms Worswick: Only one of those three.

Senator DARMANIN: Okay. So, with that one, do you remember if during that process any material changes were made and do you remember what that bill was?

Ms Worswick: The exposure draft process was used in the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Participant Service Guarantee and Other Measures) Bill 2022, which has subsequently been enacted. We'd have to go back and do some research to be able to answer the second part of your question and tell you what amendments, if any, were made as a result of that process.

Senator DARMANIN: That would be good if you could take that on notice.

Answer:

Following the exposure draft process, some amendments were made to the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Participant Service Guarantee and Other Measures) Bill 2022. The following changes were made:

- amendments to the commencement provision, providing for split commencement
- amendments to section 47A, which deals with variation of a participant's plan
- amendments to section 48, which deals with the reassessment of participant's plan
- new items amending section 17A, which provides the principles relating to the participation of people with disability in the planning process
- amendments to the plan management provisions
- amendments to the board membership provisions.