

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Public Hearing – 6 August 2024
NDIA Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No.1) Bill 2024
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
National Disability Insurance Agency

Topic: States and Territories

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Question asked by: Maria Kovacic

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Question:

Senator KOVACIC: ...Did the minister ask you to run calculations on the cost if the states and territories actually refused to sign off on the bill?

Mr Gifford: No.

Senator KOVACIC: Was there an assumption that they would sign off on day one, based on those calculations as well?

Ms Falkingham: We wouldn't assume anything in regard to the states and territories in the numbers that the scheme actually was asked to model. I think the questions you're asking are probably more appropriate for the Department of Social Services than for the agency, but we're happy to take them on notice if it's helpful.

Answer:

As outlined at the hearing, the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme did not ask the National Disability Insurance Agency to run calculations on the cost attributed to delays, should the states and territories not agree to the legislation.

The Department of Social Services have advised that they also did not receive any request to run the calculations by the Minister, nor do they have any assumptions.