

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee
Public Hearing – 6 August 2024
NDIS 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:

Senator KOVACIC: That's what I'm trying to understand. You've noted there that the appropriate supports will be in place, whether they'll be in the scheme or whether they'll continue to be offered by the states. You've also noted that there's going to be an uptick required. I'm trying to understand what financial impact this has on the projected savings if there is a delay in the states agreeing to implement.

Ms Falkingham: All I'm saying—I promise I'm not trying to be difficult, but—

Senator KOVACIC: I think it's a pretty simple question.

Ms Falkingham: It's actually not; I'm sorry. There are two separate questions. One goes to the foundational supports rollout, on which, as I've mentioned, the Department of Social Services are the lead within the Commonwealth government. They could talk to their modelling in relation to the transition pathway for foundational supports. What our Scheme Actuary can speak to are the changes to the scheme itself. I've taken on notice to come back to you if there's more material that DSS holds in relation to the foundational supports. What I'm trying to convey, though, is that, with this current set of reforms in front of the parliament, we will make sure we are appropriately sequencing the implementation of them to support participants in the best way possible.

Answer:

As outlined at the hearing, the National Disability Insurance Agency has not done any modelling on the cost attributed to delays, should the states and territories not agree to the legislation or foundational supports.

The Department of Social Services have also advised that they have not done any modelling on the cost attributed to delays, should the states and territories not agree to the legislation or foundational supports.