## **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:** Intra-plan Inflation

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Question asked by: Jordon Steele-John

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## **Ouestion:**

Senator STEELE-JOHN Is there any available data on the amount of intraplan inflation that can be attributed incorrect initial investment that resulted in the participant not receiving the quantum of supports funding that they needed?

Mr Gifford: We probably don't have data that precisely goes to that point, but I'll just refer again to the point I made earlier in relation to the sample of plans we've reviewed. In roughly two-thirds of the plans we reviewed where we've observed intraplan inflation, there is no evidence of change in circumstances. In those cases, there's expenditure above the rate of the plan but without there being any evidence that circumstances had changed. In relation to the initial decision itself, we can take on notice to see if there's further data that's contained within that sample that might more precisely answer your question.

## **Answer:**

The amount of intra-plan inflation attributed to incorrect initial investment was not within the scope of this work.