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## 44<sup>th</sup> Parliament

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# TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) was established on 2 December 2013 when the Senate agreed to a resolution from the House of Representatives, passed on 21 November 2013. The committee is composed of six Members and six Senators.

The committee is tasked with:

- a. reviewing the implementation of the NDIS;
- b. reviewing the administration and expenditure of the NDIS;
- c. reviewing any matter in relation to the NDIS referred to the committee by a resolution of either House of the Parliament;

The committee's focus is therefore on the **implementation** and **administration** of the scheme. Unless otherwise stated, the committee will only accept submissions and correspondence that are directly and principally related to the implementation and administration of the NDIS.

The committee has **not** been established to inquire into the case for having the NDIS. These issues have already been addressed by the Community Affairs Legislation Committee as part of its inquiry into the NDIS Bill 2012.

The committee does not have the ability to examine, advise on, or advocate for individual cases. People with concerns about these matters should contact the National Disability Advocacy Program.

After 30 June each year, the committee has been asked to present an annual report to the Parliament on the activities of the committee during the year. The report should include reference to the National Disability Insurance Scheme Board quarterly and annual reports provided by the Standing Council on Disability Reform.

