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Topic: National Disability Insurance Scheme

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Senator Fifield asked:

Will the costs of these aids and adaptive equipment comprising critical supports for those who are blind or who have low vision fall inside the scope of individual support packages under an NDIS?

Answer:

A National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) would entitle all Australians to support in the event of significant disability which requires long-term care and support. The Productivity Commission recommends an NDIS should fund a broad range of individually tailored support including aids and adaptive equipment. The Government has already started laying the foundations for a scheme and is working with states and territories on detailed design of a NDIS.