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Topic: NDIS

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

People with cognitive impairments are overrepresented in the criminal justice system generally and in prison facilities generally. Indigenous Australians with a cognitive impairment form a significant part of this group. In the context of the NDIS: Will the NDIS target support for people with a cognitive impairment who have been released from prison that aims to prevent recidivism?

Answer:

The NDIS will work with eligible individuals to identify and fund reasonable and necessary supports, as defined in legislation, any legislative instruments and other operational guidelines. The Agency will work with individuals to identify the supports they require. In providing support to address the impact of a person's disability, the Agency will consider the risk factors that lead to recidivism. The corrections and justice system is responsible for providing supports to reduce recidivism that are available to the general population, including the general prison population.