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Senator Moore asked:

Can we get any data on the number of workshops that have been run? Do you have workshops with a particular focus-number of people from the same region, a number of people with similar backgrounds? How do you determine who goes to what workshop, having regard to the sensitivities of people in a mixed group.

Answer:

As at 27 February 2014, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has run 41 readiness workshops for participants, their families and carers.

The workshops target both new and existing National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants to help them prepare for the planning process. The primary focus of the workshops is to meet the needs of NDIS participants, including those who are struggling with articulating meaningful goals and aspirations during the planning and assessment process.

In running these workshops, the NDIA considers the needs of different participants. Local Area Coordinators assist in determining who attends which workshop.