

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 447

**Topic:** NDIA - Accreditation of service providers

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

- 1) Does the NDIA have an accreditation/endorsement/approval program/process for authorising service providers (organisations and individuals) operating within the NDIS?
- 2) If so, how many organisations and individuals have received this accreditation?
- 3) Please list the individuals and organisations who have received this accreditation/endorsement/approval within this program/process.

**Answer:**

- 1) The Intergovernmental Agreement on the National Disability Insurance Scheme Launch (IGA), and each of the bilateral agreements between the Australian Government and host jurisdictions appended to the IGA, provide that existing state or territory based quality assurance and safeguards frameworks will continue to apply in each jurisdiction during the trial phase of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Part 3 of Chapter 4 of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (NDIS Act) and the *National Disability Insurance Scheme (Registered Providers of Supports) Rules 2013* make provision for a person or entity to apply to the Chief Executive Officer of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to be approved as a registered provider of supports for the purposes of the NDIS Act.

A person or entity does not need to be a registered provider of supports in order to provide supports to a participant under the NDIS. However, to the extent that the funding for supports under a participant's plan is managed by the NDIA, the participant's plan must provide that those supports are to be provided only by a registered provider of supports (see s 33(6) of the NDIS Act).

- 2) Currently there are more than 1,100 providers registered.
- 3) The NDIA publishes a list of registered providers on the NDIS website at: [www.ndis.gov.au/providers/registered-service-providers](http://www.ndis.gov.au/providers/registered-service-providers).