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Senator Siewert asked:

What is being done in the NDIA to address the ongoing training and learning needs of the various service providers within all areas of the NDIS?

Answer:

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has established the Sector Development Fund to build the capacity of the sector. Major sector development activities currently underway that assist service providers include:

- Australian Catholic University – Corporate governance training for Australian Disability Enterprises;
- Mental Health Council of Australia – Engage and prepare consumers with mental health conditions and mental health service providers (June 2013 – June 2014); and
- National Disability Services:
 - build disability service provider readiness and capacity to operate under the National Disability Insurance Scheme environment, including a practical, evidence based self-assessment tool (to June 2014); and
 - support for recruitment and retention through the CareCareers programme (to June 2014).

All jurisdictions have signed Memoranda of Understanding with the Commonwealth for jurisdiction-specific sector development funding. Many of these activities are directed towards building the capacity of providers.