

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

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Question No: 479

Topic: National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

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Senator Moore asked:

With regards to preparations for the full rollout of the NDIS, please advise:

- a. Have negotiations between the Commonwealth and states and territories started for the phasing of the scheme beyond the launch sites?
- b. What is the process in place for these negotiations?
- c. What progress has been made?
- d. Which organisations and/or individuals are involved or are being consulted in these negotiations?
- e. Can the Government confirm that the timeline for the full rollout of the NDIS committed to by the previous Government is on track?
- f. Can the Government rule out making any changes to this timeline?

Answer:

- a. No.
- b. Negotiations will occur through bilateral steering committees.
- c. Negotiations are yet to commence.
- d. The make-up of the bilateral steering committees and the consultation arrangements have not yet been decided.
- e. Preparations for the transition from the trials to full scheme are on track.
- f. The current timeline, as outlined in the intergovernmental agreements agreed by the Commonwealth and the states and territories, can't change without the agreement of all Australian governments.