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Topic: NDIA Review on Cost Drivers

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Senator Moore asked:

With regard to the NDIA review on cost drivers, previously flagged by the Government as being due in March 2014, please advise:

What is the timeline for the review – is it on track to report in March?

Will the report be made public? If not, why? If so, on what date will the report be made public?

What is the scope of the review?

What are terms of reference for the review?

Answer:

The report on cost drivers was prepared by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) for consideration by the Council of Australian Governments Disability Reform Council (the Council) and has been provided to the co-chairs of the Council. It is a decision for the Council whether the report will be made public.

The report was not a review and there were no formal terms of reference. The scope of the paper was to consider cost drivers impacting the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). In particular:

- processes for assessing and establishing individual packages;
- reference packages and the NDIA pricing policies; and
- recommendations on areas where cost pressures could potentially be reduced, consistent with the requirement that the NDIA Board have regard to the financial sustainability of the NDIS.