Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2014-15 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme Question No: SQ15-000088

Topic: NDIS Full Rollout

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Senator McLucas, Jan asked:

How is the Commonwealth ensuring that States and Territories are meeting their requirements under the NDIS agreements, to ensure states and territories do not withdraw services until the NDIS is fully rolled out?

How is the Commonwealth ensuring that people who have previously received support and services through a state and territory government and are not eligible for support through the NDIS, are now prevented from falling through the gaps when these old support services are rolled back.

Answer:

The Intergovernmental Agreement for the National Disability Insurance Scheme Launch, signed by the Commonwealth and all states and territories, specifically states that the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) committed to provide continuity of support to people with disability who are currently receiving services to ensure that they are not disadvantaged in the transition to the new scheme.