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Senator Kim Carr asked:

Can you confirm that, as a result of this policy, someone who turns 65 in December 2016 would be eligible if they lived in the Melbourne local government area of Darebin – where the practical rollout occurs on 1 July 2016? Can you confirm that, under the arrangements as announced, that same person, if they lived in neighbouring Moreland, would be ineligible – because the rollout in Moreland is not until March 2018?

Answer:

As per the bilateral agreement between the Commonwealth and Victoria, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) transition in Victoria will be implemented on a staged geographical basis, based on existing Victorian disability areas.

According to the roll-out schedule set out in the bilateral agreement for Victoria, North East Melbourne will commence transition to the NDIS from 1 July 2016 and Hume Moreland will commence transition to the NDIS from 1 March 2018.

The implementation of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* as the NDIS rolls out means that only those people who make a request to become a participant when they are under 65 will be eligible. Those people aged 65 years and over who are currently receiving supports will be provided with continuity of support to ensure they achieve the same level of outcomes that they are currently achieving. Those people aged 65 years and over who are not currently receiving services will receive support through the Aged Care system.