

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme Question No: SQ16-000209**

**Topic: NDIS**

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**Senator Kim Carr** asked:

Will the Government consider rendering all potential beneficiaries of the NDIS eligible from 1 July 2016, regardless of when the Scheme is coming, in a practical sense, to their neighbourhood?

**Answer:**

Transition from trials to a full scheme National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will be implemented through a staged approach to ensure the roll-out is feasible for the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to implement, does not create risks to the sustainability of the scheme, and is within the funding envelope for the Commonwealth and state and territory governments.

During transition there is progressive implementation of the scheme by age and/or geographical locations in certain jurisdictions. These arrangements are designed to ensure the orderly implementation of the Scheme. Phasing arrangements for participants have been jointly agreed between Commonwealth and the relevant state or territory government as part of Bilateral Agreements for Transition.

To facilitate the smooth transition of participants into the NDIS, the NDIA will commence Local Area Coordination functions six months in advance of the scheduled phasing. This will support eligible participants to access the scheme in the lead up to transition.