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Outcome Number: 5.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme Question No: SQ16-000212

Topic: NDIS

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Senator Kim Carr asked:

So would a person declared ineligible for the NDIS on the basis of age have access to a narrower range of assistance than someone who was eligible?

Answer:

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) aims to ensure that people with disability will receive supports based on their needs and that they will have choice and control over that support. The supports the NDIS provides for each individual will vary as they will be tailored to each person's individual needs. As such, it is difficult to compare the levels and range of assistance an individual will receive compared to others.

The Council of Australian Governments has agreed that people with disability who are currently receiving supports, but who are ineligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), will be provided with continuity of support in the transition to the NDIS. To meet this commitment, a new Commonwealth Continuity of Support (CoS) Programme will be established to assist older people who do not meet NDIS eligibility.

The CoS Programme will support people aged 65 years and over and Indigenous people aged 50 years and over, who are currently receiving state-managed specialist disability services but are ineligible for the NDIS. The objective of the Programme is to support clients to achieve similar outcomes to those they were achieving prior to transitioning to the new arrangements.

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