

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015 - 2016 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome:** National Disability Insurance Agency

**Question No:** NDIA SQ16-000002

**Topic:** Participant information (Employment status)

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert** asked:

How many people were unemployed at the time of entry into the NDIS? How many of these people are now employed?

**Answer:**

Due to limitations of the ICT system and ongoing improvements to data collection, data on the employment status of participants of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is not consistently or accurately recorded.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is in the process of building a new ICT system that will record better data on a range of demographic information of NDIS participants, including employment.

The NDIA has developed an Outcomes Framework that has been piloted in trial sites and is being rolled out across the NDIS. This will capture information on employment and employment outcomes.

As such, the NDIA is unable to accurately report on the number of participants who were unemployed at the time of entry to the NDIS, nor those who are now employed.