Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2015 - 2016 Additional Estimates Hearings

Topic: Participant information (approaching 65 years of age)

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Senator Carr asked:

What estimates have you made of the numbers of potential National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) beneficiaries, approaching 65 years of age, who might claim to have moved house into a neighbourhood or area with an earlier NDIS rollout date? What measures does the Government plan to take to detect and prevent such claims, where they are fraudulent?

Answer:

Participants will be required to meet the age and residence requirements of the phasing rules. The rules are specific that prospective participants must reside in a site prior to the commencement of the site, and they have to be under the age of 65 years at the time of the access request.

Experience throughout the transition will be monitored closely, including age based analysis and analysis of participants in the NDIS over the age of 65 years.