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Senator Linda Reynolds asked:

Can you provide an update with the next lot of regular data in terms of how many people have got plans and how many are in the process of getting plans. And then could you estimate that forwards, with the total number of people in aged care? Could the committee have updates every estimates - or periodically - on how many you are forecasting?

Answer:

As at 31 December 2016, there were 374 young people in residential aged care in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) with a plan and a further 97 who have had access met, but do not yet have an approved plan.

As at 31 December 2016, there were 6,225 people under the age of 65 in residential aged care, with an estimated 2,058 people scheduled to transition into the NDIS in the 2016-17 financial year. Approximately 72 per cent of young people in aged care will have transitioned into the NDIS by the end of June 2018.

At this stage it is not possible to estimate the number of young people in aged care who will be eligible for the scheme until their eligibility is tested. However, we expect the majority of this group to meet the access requirements of the NDIS.

The National Disability Insurance Agency's quarterly report on scheme performance will now capture separately the number of young people in residential aged care who have approved NDIS plans.