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Outcome Number: National Disability Insurance Agency

Question No: 34

Topic: NDIA

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Senator Wright asked:

Can the agency confirm what funds have been spent to date, and allocated over the forward estimates, under the NDIS Sector Development Fund? a. Who has received or been allocated this funding, and for what purposes? b. How much is currently unallocated? c. What will the priorities for investment be, in allocating these funds?

Answer:

The Federal Government made approximately \$149 million available over five years to 2016-17 for the Sector Development Fund. Approximately \$46.8 million has been expended or committed to date.

a) The following table includes a description of who has received or been allocated funding to date and the purpose of the funding.

Who has received or been allocated funding	Purpose for funding
University of Tasmania	National Disability Insurance Scheme Gearing Up Expo.
National Disability and Carers Alliance	Series of forums across Australia to inform and prepare people with disability, families and carers for the NDIS.
Mental Health Council of Australia	Build the capacity of people with psychosocial disability and mental health service providers.
NPY Women's Council	Service delivery models for remote Indigenous communities - APY Lands.
Tullawon Health Services	Service Delivery models for remote Indigenous communities – Ceduna.
First People Disability Network	Building the capacity of Indigenous Australians to benefit from the NDIS.
Affected existing disability service providers	Small cash payments to providers to cover some transition costs.
Boston Consulting Group	Understanding and managing the market for disability supports.
Young People in Nursing Homes and Centre for Disability Research and Policy, University of Sydney	Examining service coordination for people with high and complex needs.
Department of Social Services	Extension of National Disability Insurance Agency evaluation; Development of National Workforce Strategy.
Australian Bureau of Statistics	Inclusion of additional cohort for the Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers.

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National Disability Services	Support for recruitment and retention of disability sector workforce through carecareers program.
National Disability Services	Building disability service provider readiness
Australian Catholic University	Corporate governance training for disability support organisations.
Independent Living Centres of NSW and others	National approach to assistive technology AT Mentor certification training course.
National Disability Services NSW	Consultations with local providers regarding workforce transition issues.
ACT, NSW, SA, QLD, TAS, WA, VIC and NT Governments	Jurisdiction specific sector development programs.

- b) Approximately \$102 million is currently unallocated. The NDIA Board has however already identified a number of future projects in priority areas.
- c) The Sector Development Fund has been set aside to assist the disability sector – including people with disability, their families and carers and service providers – make the transition to the new set of arrangements for disability support in the NDIS. A core objective of the fund is to ensure there is an efficient, responsive and innovative market to meet the diverse needs of people with disability and their families