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Topic: NDIS

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Senator Malcolm Roberts asked:

Noting the large and growing divide between tax-payers and tax-takers since the Howard Government's introduction of middle-class welfare, is it the case that the NDIS is potentially and unsustainably expanding welfare to just about all Australians?

Answer:

Consistent with the recommendations of the Productivity Commission's Inquiry on Disability Care and Support (2011), the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is modelled on, and managed as an insurance scheme. Therefore, the NDIS is not a welfare program.