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Senator Murray Watt asked:

In Minister Porter's 9 May 2017 Media Release following the Budget "Guaranteeing the NDIS and providing stronger support for people with disability", reference was made to the fact that the Quality and Safeguards Commission will comprise approximately 300 people. How was this figure determined and what proportion of this workforce will be responsible for:

- a. Provider registration and auditing compliance
- b. Complaints handling and own-motion investigatory powers
- c. Workforce screening
- d. Senior Practitioner functions (oversight of restrictive interventions)

Answer:

In determining the staffing arrangements for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Quality and Safeguards Commission, a range of staffing models were considered based on existing state and territory workforce models used to deliver similar functions, to arrive at an agreed staffing level.

The exact allocation of staff across the different regulatory functions will be a decision for the Commission, based on what it deems appropriate to meet its priorities and deliverables.

While the Commission will have responsibility for leading the overall design and broad policy settings for nationally consistent worker screening, operational responsibility for worker screening, including the management and operation of worker screening units, rests with the states and territories.