

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 3.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme Question No: SQ17-000446

Topic: Quality and Safeguards Commission

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Senator Murray Watt asked:

How was the \$54.9m 2020-21 funding allocation for the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission arrived at in the 2017/18 Commonwealth Budget? Was there any reference to the costs of operating all the existing state and territory quality and safeguarding frameworks? Does this funding allocation allow for the establishment of state and territory-based offices of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission or is it presumed that it will be located centrally (Canberra or otherwise)?

Answer:

Budget measures are subject to a rigorous costing process with the Department of Finance. In finalising these costings, the Commonwealth consulted relevant state and territory agencies in regards to the costs of their existing safeguarding frameworks, as well as relevant Commonwealth agencies including the Aged Care Complaints Commissioner and the Commonwealth Ombudsman.

Decisions have yet to be made about the location of the Commission.