

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2017-2018 Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome: National Disability Insurance Agency

Question No: NDIA SQ17-000081

Topic: NDIS Support packages

Hansard Page: Spoken

Senator Siewert, asked:

Senator Siewert: The number of people who are in PHaMs and who are actually applying to get a support package through NDIS?

Senator SIEWERT: I understand that. That is the best we can do. I want to see if the anecdotal evidence that we have heard is correct, which is that a small proportion of the people who have been accessing PHaMs are applying. I want to know if there is some validity in that point because that then points to what sized outside supports may be needed. When do you think you can make that information available?

Ms Gunn: It needs to be extracted from the data warehouse, so it will be a couple of days.

Answer:

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) was advised by the Department of Social Services to expect approximately 800 PHaMs clients to transition into the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) during 2016-17. As at 31 March 2017, 748 (or 93 per cent) had made an access request and 281 (35 per cent) had an approved plan.

It is likely that there are some NDIS participants that, due to data limitations, the NDIA cannot identify as previously having been PHaMs clients.