## **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 SQ17-000084

**Topic:** Number of plans over the telephone

**Hansard Page:** Spoken **Senator Watt,** asked:

Senator WATT: Do you have any figures on how many plans have been done over the

phone?

**Mr Tidswell:** No. I will take that on notice. **Senator WATT:** They are the two alternatives?

Mr Tidswell: Yes. It could be done in terms of provision of information as well, so we will

take that on notice, to give you a breakdown of components.

#### **Answer:**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme Business System records interactions and methods of contact with participants, their families and carers, however data is not captured regarding whether a plan is completed face-to-face or over the telephone.

National Disability Insurance Agency's partners have recently been instructed that face-to-face planning is the preferred method, noting that some participants prefer telephone planning and this option is available.