

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 SQ17-000089

Topic: Reduction in funding

Hansard Page: Spoken

Senator Watt, asked:

Senator WATT: I know Senator Siewert had some questions about this in her earlier session, but I do not think she asked this: do you have any figures—whether they be here or on notice—for the proportion of packages where the amount of support provided in dollar terms is reduced upon review?

Mr Bowen: Yes, we have taken that on notice.

Senator WATT: Okay.

Mr Bowen: Our strong recollection here is that a minority of plans have been reduced.

Senator WATT: That could be 49 per cent.

Mr Bowen: Well—

Senator WATT: You are saying it is smaller than that?

Answer:

In the period from 1 July 2016 to 31 March 2017, 26.8 per cent of plans reviewed had a reduction in plan value compared with the previous annualised value, while 68.3 per cent of plans increased and 4.9 per cent of plans were unchanged.