

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 SQ17-000101

Topic: YPIRAC

Hansard Page: Spoken

Senator Reynolds, asked:

Senator REYNOLDS: I would like to come back to young Australians in aged care. The next area I would like to have a look at relates to some of the responses that came back to questions on notice during the last round, particularly in relation to access barriers, which are stopping young people in aged care getting into the NDIS. In the questions to which you came back, the NDIS has advised the committee that around 70 young people in aged care still are not part of the NDIS in the three rolled-out sites of Barwon, Hunter and the ACT. Are you able to provide an update on how many of these young people are now in the NDIS?

Ms Gunn: Not directly. I can take that on notice. My apologies.

Senator REYNOLDS: As a word of clarification, it was very helpful to get some of those figures tabled, but in relation to some of the specifics I will just ask for updates.

Ms Gunn: I understand.

Answer:

The Department of Health data provided in April 2017 confirmed that a further 19 young people have been identified residing in Barwon, Hunter and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT).

The data provided in April 2017 enabled the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to make contact with these clients.

As at 30 June 2017, of the 89 young people residing in Barwon, Hunter and the ACT, four now have an approved plan, eight have been found eligible, and a further nine were found ineligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

The NDIA is in the process of prioritising access determination and planning for the remaining individuals in aged care facilities within the relevant bilateral provisions of each of the jurisdictions.

Since April 2017, a further 353 Younger People in Residential Aged Care nationally were made eligible for the NDIS.

The delay reflects the need to re-establish contact with each of the facilities, the individuals and their families. Further delays are experienced awaiting evidence of disability to determine the person's eligibility for the NDIS.