

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 SQ17-000105

Topic: SA service MOU

Hansard Page: Spoken

Senator Kakoschke-Moore, asked:

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: Could you, on notice, provide me with a list of the local areas within South Australia that you do have an MOU with or who have signed up to these interface principles and which areas you are still seeking to build those relationships with.

Mr Bowen: We would certainly in South Australia have agreements with the children's hospitals and paediatric units.

Answer:

In South Australia (SA), the National Disability Insurance Scheme trial commenced from 1 July 2013. During the trial, the SA trial site developed local Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) with SA Health.

The roll out of transition for full scheme commenced in SA on 1 February 2016. As part of the operationalisation of the bilateral agreement, the national mainstream interface agreements were put in place, replacing the trial site MoUs.

Populating the mainstream interface escalation process and templates is a joint approach led by the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion and the National Disability Insurance Agency. Local contacts have been provided for addressing mainstream interface issues that may arise in the implementation of the Council of Australian Governments Applied Principles and Tables of Supports of 27 November 2015.

There is ongoing and extensive mainstream stakeholder engagement. Monthly meetings between the regional office and Women's and Children's Hospital are in place. Regular stakeholder relations meeting are also held with the Australian Medical Association (AMA) SA Health Industry Reference Group, and the President of the AMA SA on a quarterly basis.