

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Outcome: National Disability Insurance Agency

Question No: NDIA SQ17-000140

Topic: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities

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Senator McCarthy, asked:

I understand that the experiences of the NDIS rollout on Palm Island and in some other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities have shown the importance of working with a community to identify tailored ways in which to support the transition utilising an outreach model. This includes identifying activities appropriate to the community, ensuring appropriate methods for measuring outcomes are employed, appropriately resourcing and acknowledging the importance of family supports as a part of an outreach model. Is this type of model being employed in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and what resourcing, including actual funding, is being directed towards this?

Answer:

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has recently released the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement and Rural and Remote Strategies. These Strategies embody an approach of respectful and inclusive practice, and stress the importance of working directly with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities (one community at a time) to ensure the successful development and roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Actual funding is not quantifiable as staff allocation varies depending on the timing of the phasing for the NDIS.