## 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 SQ17-000147

**Topic:** Autism

**Hansard Page:** Written **Senator Brown,** asked:

Has the NDIA proactively discussed the role of the Autism Advisers with the current providers, and/or sought their advice/input in the development of the ECEI?

## **Answer:**

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has worked with a range of leading Australian early childhood intervention practitioners and researchers to design an Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) Approach. Many of the providers of the Autism Advisor services were represented in the discussion processes that informed the ECEI design. The NDIA has worked and continues to work with a broad range of stakeholders in the ongoing development and implementation of the ECEI Approach.