

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 207

Topic: Outsourcing NDIS Services + NSW Enabling Bill

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Senator Siewert asked:

Is it not possible that private providers of disability services will be able to avoid taking on individuals who are considered to have costly high needs or labelled as having problem behaviours as is happening in aged care?

Answer:

The NDIS is designed to fund the reasonable and necessary support needs of participants and so there will be no incentive for providers to avoid participants with high-level needs. People with higher and lower need will receive supports on an individualised basis and each support is priced, taking into account the cost of provision of the support.