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Outcome Number: 5.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme

Topic: NDIS - KordaMentha Review

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Were state and territory governments consulted before KordaMentha was commissioned to review NDIS board requirements?

Why was KordaMentha "requested not to engage with any of the current board members"?

Is it still the Government's plan to replace all board members at once, rather than using a staggered process by extending some terms?

Answer:

State and Territory governments were not consulted before KordaMentha was commissioned to review NDIS Board requirements.

The independent consultant was engaged by the Department to investigate best practice and provide technical advice on the options for composition of boards that would oversee similar activities as the future board of the NDIA at full scheme. The independent consultant was not engaged to review the performance of the current NDIA board and was therefore not required to engage with the current board.

The Ministers for Disability for the Commonwealth, States and Territories agreed through the COAG Disability Reform Council to use a staggered approach to appoint members to the NDIA Board.