

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015 - 2016 Supplementary Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome: National Disability Insurance Agency

Question No: NDIA SQ15-000131

Topic: Insurance premiums

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Senator Siewert asked:

Has the NDIA done any work on the insurance premiums for part time support workers, who may only work a small number of hours per week? Does the NDIA have any views on whether professional indemnity/public liability type insurance is affordable for these workers?

Answer:

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) prices are designed to allow service providers to recover the efficient costs of service delivery, and those costs could incorporate allowances for professional indemnity/public liability type insurance.

The National Disability Insurance Agency is not aware of any evidence to suggest that insurance costs have a disproportionate impact on part time support workers. However, the impact of routine use of casual or part time workforce on the general cost of services is one of the topics that informs ongoing work on pricing assumptions.

Service providers discussed a range of issues concerning NDIS pricing during a recent provider engagement programme, but these concerns did not include any matters related to professional indemnity or public liability insurance costs.