

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 3.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme Question No: SQ16-000427**

**Topic: NDIS**

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**Senator Rachel Siewert** asked:

Could the Department provide the number of people receiving Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs), the number of people who applied for the NDIS, and the number of people who were eligible for the NDIS?

**Answer:**

At 30 June 2016, there were 20,409 clients receiving services through the Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs) program. Providers operating in the trial sites reported 389 service clients had applied for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), 171 were eligible for the NDIS, and another 179 had an access request in place.