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Topic: NDIS Policy

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

What safeguard will the Department introduce if the Australian Electoral Commission doesn't, to ensure capacity and eligibility, of people living with disability under the NDIS to effectively ensure that those who are eligible citizens are resourced with appropriate supports to enrol and vote, and those who are assessed as not being eligible are appropriately registered with the electoral authority?

Answer:

A participant can choose to use the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funded supports to facilitate their participation in voting, and other civic duties.

The Australian Electoral Commission provides direct assistance to those with a disability (within or outside the NDIS) during both enrolment and the voting process, including the ability to register as a postal voter and allowing individuals to nominate a person to assist them with voting at a polling place. The NDIS would not duplicate these supports.