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Question

Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Senator ABETZ: The interdepartmental committee on which you sit and the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Ms Paul: The person who sits on it for us is not here, so I will take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: Alright, because there is the suggestion that the community sector pay case may add about \$1.5 billion to the recurrent cost of the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Ms Paul: One of my deputy secretaries sits on a steering group—I do not know the correct name for it—and I think there have been two meetings. The reports I have had have not canvassed that with me, but that is not to say it has not been there. I will take that on notice and confirm what has been discussed. Mr Kovacic: Might I add that from our involvement from the social community services sector pay case, the equal remuneration case, and the issues we are still working on on that front, I have not heard the suggestion that you have raised in terms of that implication. Ms Paul: We will take it on notice. We are not at the centre centre of it, so there may have been something that I just have not heard of.

Answer

Please refer to EW0279 13.