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Question

**Productivity Commission's report into the National Disability Insurance
Scheme**

Senator ABETZ: Let's just wind back then. Did the Productivity Commission's report into the National Disability Insurance Scheme come down before the community worker's pay case? Ms Paul: Not sure. Mr Kovacic: Not sure. I would imagine it probably would have. Senator ABETZ: Yes, I am pretty sure that it did and that is why there is this discussion in the marketplace amongst disability service providers et cetera as to the estimate that was put on running a national disability insurance scheme that is now going to be considerably higher, and then the issue is where that money will be found. Ms Paul: As I say, it has not come to me and obviously not to Mr Kovacic either. But we do have people who are more involved than either of us, so we will check it out for you.

Answer

The Productivity Commission's Inquiry Report into Disability Care and Support was delivered to Government on 31 July 2011.

A decision in the equal remuneration case for the social and community services sector was handed down by Fair Work Australia on 1 February 2012.