

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Topic: National Injury Insurance Scheme

Senator: Senator Fifield

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Question:

1. What is the role of the Department in the development of a National Injury Insurance Scheme (NIIS)?
2. What resources within the Department are dedicated toward the development of the NIIS?
3. How many Departmental staff are currently working on the NIIS?
4. Can the Department provide a breakdown of staff working on the NIIS by APS level?

Answer:

Work on the National Injury Insurance Scheme (NIIS) is being led by the Assistant Treasurer. As a result, the Department of the Treasury is the lead government department for this work. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) has no officers dedicated exclusively to working on the NIIS.

PM&C is considering the recommendations of the Productivity Commission Inquiry Report on Disability Care and Support, including those relating to the NIIS, as part of usual business in relation to disability and carer policy (additional detail in PM211 refers).