

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING: 19 November 2013

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION PORTFOLIO

(SE13/0119) PROGRAMME – Internal Product

Senator Boyce (Written) asked:

Given the introduction of the NDIS and the new Commonwealth costing associated with participant plans for individuals with a significant and permanent disability, has there been any consideration of including average annual cost amounts calculated for the NDIS into the calculations of the significant cost threshold to make it more reflective of actual costs in disability?

Answer:

The Significant Cost Threshold (SCT) includes average per capita health and welfare costs as compiled by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW). Disability related costs are already included in the welfare costs. The SCT is reviewed annually. The SCT review for the 2014-15 programme year will consider whether the NDIS average annual costs are included in the AIHW welfare costs.