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Senator Linda Reynolds asked:

Can you confirm if people who have ACAT assessments will come off DSP and go onto a pension? Given that they are still significantly financially disadvantaged by being on a pension and not in the DSP with other allowances that they have had in other facilities, could you unpack that for us?

Answer:

Being an NDIS participant does not affect whether a person is eligible for the Disability Support Pension (DSP).

Eligibility for DSP is also not affected by having an ACAT assessment.

A young person requiring nursing home level care is eligible for DSP, subject to the usual rules, whether they are in an aged care facility or are being cared for in another setting.