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Outcome Number: 3.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme Question No: SQ17-000168

Topic: NDIS WA Agreement

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Senator Murray Watt, asked:

What is the difference in the Commonwealth's expenditure on the NDIS as a result of this agreement with WA, as opposed to a fully national scheme?

Answer:

As part of the Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth and Western Australia (WA) for the transition to a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in WA, the Commonwealth's responsibility for Local Area Coordination (LAC) and Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) costs is capped so that the Commonwealth's funding will not exceed any contribution the Commonwealth would have made to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). The Commonwealth is not responsible for administration costs for the WA NDIS Authority.

WA is responsible for a minimum of 75 per cent of any cost overruns for higher participant numbers and/or higher package costs, and 100 per cent of any cost overruns due to other factors. Under an NDIA-delivered NDIS, the Commonwealth is responsible for meeting cost overruns for higher participant numbers, higher average package costs, and other factors.

Under an NDIA-delivered NDIS, the Commonwealth is fully responsible for funding LAC, ILC and the NDIA's administration costs, during transition.