Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 3.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme Question No: SQ17-000169

Topic: NDIS WA Agreement

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Senator Murray Watt, asked:

How much will it cost WA to run their own scheme? Could this please be broken down into administration costs and costs that result from the different risk sharing for WA in this agreement.

Answer:

Western Australia (WA) is responsible for 100 per cent of administration costs and 50 per cent of Local Area Coordinator (LAC) and Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) costs. The amounts are set out in the Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth and WA for the transition to a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in WA, Schedule C, Table 3.

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.