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: SQ17-000280 Topic: NDIS - Quality and Safeguards

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Senator Murray Watt asked:

The Quality and Safeguarding Framework refers to a Code of Conduct for providers and workers delivering NDIS-funded supports. What work has been undertaken in developing this Code of Conduct and what external organisations/individuals have contributed to its development?

Answer:

Consultation on the whole National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Quality and Safeguarding Framework (the Framework) took place from 16 February 2015 to 30 April 2015. Consultation confirmed the importance of, and stakeholder desire for, an NDIS Code of Conduct.

To further develop the content of the Code of Conduct, Department of Social Services is conducting a round of consultation with stakeholders, including people with disability and their families and carers, providers of NDIS supports and services, and disability peak bodies over the next few months.