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Topic: NDIS - Quality and Safeguards

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Senator Murray Watt asked:

What aspects of the framework will the Commonwealth have responsibility for and what will stay with the States?

Answer:

Under the Framework the Commonwealth will assume responsibility for:

- provider registration including quality assurance;
- complaint handling;
- reportable incident notification;
- restrictive practice oversight; and
- investigation and enforcement.

Approval for the use of restrictive practices will continue to be managed through current state and territory government processes.

Nationally consistent worker screening was agreed as a shared responsibility under the Framework; with the Commonwealth taking a leadership role on broad policy design and setting national standards; and the states and territories responsible for the operational aspects of National Disability Insurance Scheme worker screening, including establishing or maintaining worker screening units.