Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2016 – 2017 Additional Budget Estimates Hearings

Outcome: National Disability Insurance Agency Question No: NDIA SQ17-000040

Topic: ILC Grants Access to Language Services

Hansard Page: Written Senator Siewert asked:

What funding is available to ensure that people from CALD and Indigenous backgrounds can access language services (e.g. how much funding through the ILC grant process will be to CALD organisations)?

Answer:

Individual funding is available for National Disability Insurance Scheme participants, where it is deemed reasonable and necessary, to accommodate interpreter services in enabling the delivery of supports.

Meeting the needs of people with disability from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds has been identified as a focus for Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC). The funding for ILC will be delivered through competitive grant funding and thus specific funding for particular cohorts cannot be determined.