

**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 SQ17-000047

**Topic:** Hearing Services

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert** asked:

Please provide an update on discussions that have occurred between DSS/NDIA and the Office of Hearing Services concerning the hearing services program.

**Answer:**

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and the Department of Social Services (DSS) continue to communicate with the Office of Hearing Services regarding the transition of hearing services to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), including through regular teleconference discussions and email communication. In addition, the NDIA and DSS attended a workshop with the Department of Health on 14 March 2017 to work through the NDIA's proposed Hearing Impairment Access Guidance.