Senate Community Affairs Committee

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

What is the status of the cross-billing arrangement for disability and aged care services as articulated in the National Partnership on Transitioning responsibilities for aged care and disability services 2012/13? Have these cross invoicing arrangements been actioned?

If so, how is it working and what are the results?

Answer:

The cross-billing payments for all participating jurisdictions, as part of the *National Partnership Agreement for Transitioning Responsibilities for Aged Care and Disability Services* (the National Partnership Agreement), have been made up to, and including, 2012-13. This excludes Victoria and Western Australia, who have not signed up to the National Health Reform Agreement (and subsequently the National Partnership Agreement).

Payments for 2013-14 onwards have not yet been made as the Commonwealth and states are considering cross-billing interactions in the context of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). This is being progressed through NDIS bilateral discussions.