



JOINT COMMITTEES

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

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Wednesday 22 October 2025

Committee Room 2S3
Parliament House, Canberra

All times Australian Eastern Daylight Time

Time	Witness
9.00 am	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (<i>Submission 13</i>) Ms Louise Gates, A/g Deputy CEO Mr Sam Chambers, Disability Unit Head
9.45 am	Grattan Institute Dr Sam Bennett, Program Director, Disability (via videoconference) Mr Alastair McEwin AM, Senior Fellow, Disability Program (via videoconference)
10.30 am	Break
10.45 am	Mr Mark Pietsch, private capacity Every Australian Counts (<i>Submission 9</i>) Dr George Taleporos, Independent Chair (via videoconference) Ms Nick Avery, Co-design Lead (via videoconference) Nobody Worse Off Coalition (<i>Submission 6</i>) Ms Sarah Langston, President of the Australian Neurodivergent Parents Association Ms Pip Cullen, Representative
11.30 am	First Peoples Disability Network Mr Damian Griffis, Chief Executive Officer Mr Rhys Howard, Director of Strategy
12.00 pm	Lunch

1.00 pm	<p>National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Ms Penelope McKay, Acting Chief Executive Officer Ms Amity Durham, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Children, Specialised Services and Scheme Interfaces Mr Andrew Maitland, Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Service Delivery Mr Aaron Verlin, Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Service Design and Improvement Mr Matthew Swainson, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Legal, Reviews, Actuarial and Data Ms Kitsa Papadopoulos, General Manager, Fraud Fusion Taskforce and Integrity Capability Ms Phoebe Thompson, Chief Corporate and Commercial Officer Mr David Gifford, Scheme Actuary</p> <p>Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DHDA) Mr Luke Mansfield, A/g Deputy Secretary, Disability and Carers Group Mr James MacIsaac, First Assistant Secretary, NDIS Participants and Performance Division</p> <p>Department of Social Services (DSS) Mr Matt Flavel, Deputy Secretary, Social Security Ms Kellie Spence, Group Manager, Disability Employment</p>
3.00 pm	Break
3.15 pm	Dr Stevie Howson (<i>Submission 3</i>)
3.45 pm	Mr Peter Gregory (via videoconference) (<i>Submission 12</i>)
4.15 pm	<p>Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) Ms Carla Jago, Group Executive Director, Financial Statements Audit Services Group Mr George Sotiropoulos, Group Executive Director, Performance Statements Audit Services Group Ms Peta Lane, Group Executive Director, Performance Audit Services Group Ms Catherine Pauli, A/g Executive Director, Performance Statements Audit Services Group Ms Freya Mathie, A/g Executive Director, Performance Audit Services Group</p>
5.15 pm	Adjournment