



JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

TABLING OF GENERAL ISSUES AND NDIS QUALITY AND SAFEGUARDS COMMISSION REPORTS

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The Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) today tabled two reports.

General Issues is the committee's second report in the 46th Parliament related to the implementation and performance of the NDIS.

“The report examines new issues raised since the tabling of the first report in December 2020 and provides an update on the committee's recent activities,” Committee Chair, The Hon Kevin Andrews MP, said today.

“Chapter 5 also contains the committee's interim report in relation to its Inquiry into Current Scheme Implementation and Forecasting for the NDIS, and makes one recommendation,” Mr Andrews said.

The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission report examines the systemic and ongoing issues within the Commission's operations and framework, after issues with the oversight and regulation of disability service providers emerged in light of media attention, and subsequent inquiries into the tragic death of Ms Ann-Marie Smith.

“The inquiry has identified areas in which the Commission's approach to its work could be improved, such as its compliance and enforcement measures, engagement with participants and the sector, and in its safeguarding arrangements for NDIS participants more broadly.

“The report includes 30 recommendations relating to these matters, and other areas of the Commission's work,” he said.

The committee thanks all those who contributed to the committee's inquiries by lodging submissions, providing additional information, or expressing their views via correspondence. The committee would also like to thank those who gave their time to attend the committee's public hearings.

In particular, the committee acknowledges the people with disability, their families and carers who shared their experiences. The testimony of people with lived experience is crucial to identifying issues with the NDIS and improving the operation of the scheme.

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