



PARLIAMENTARY JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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SPECIALISTS IN NDIA AND SPECIALIST NDIS PLANNING TEAMS

Ms Rundle: [...] we are looking at a number of tailored pathways in our work on improving the participant pathway experience. One of the aspects of that is looking to see where we can develop specialist teams. [...] we do already have an audiologist and we will be seeking to recruit more expertise. [...] with a range of different needs and specialised pathways, we will start forming more specialised planning teams. No doubt this is another area that we would look at to ensure that you've got at least some specialists working in most of the major areas around the country.

Senator SIEWERT: What's the time line for that?

Mr WALLACE: How far away do you think that is, Ms Rundle?

Ms Rundle: Senator Siewert just asked the same question! I will need to take that on notice because my colleague Steph Gunn is managing the pathway work. I'll come back to the committee with advice.

Answer:

The National Disability Insurance Agency expects to roll out tailored pathways progressively from mid-2018, and to pilot the pathway for people with complex support needs during the second half of 2018.