

Inquiry into the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024 [Provisions]

Canberra Hearing – 14 June 2024, Answers to Question on Notice by Women with Disabilities Australia

1. I can confirm that I did not attend the closed briefing on the NDIS legislation which required NDAs to be signed and did not receive an invitation to attend. I am not sure of the date on which this was held. I am not aware of any other representatives of WWDA attending this briefing. I note that I have been appointed to the role of Acting CEO since January 2024 and it is possible that invitations to attend previous briefings could have been directed to our substantive CEO who is on extended leave, however I do not have this information.
2. I have previously signed at least one NDA which I believe was in relation to the NDIA Integrity Landscape and Initiatives Briefing, regarding information about fraud. I can identify and provide these dates if required.
3. I am not familiar with the RedBridge focus groups and do not recall receiving this information.
4. I have not met with Ms Julianne Stewart.
5. I have not received information about how to 'spin' the NDIS legislation. WWDA has acted independently in all communications and submissions regarding the Bill.
6. I have attended a few briefings on the legislation from the NDIA. I can identify and provide these dates if required.
7. I have not met with the Minister, but have met with the Minister's advisers on two occasions in which I raised WWDA's concerns and priorities in relation to the legislation. I can identify and provide these dates if required. I have also met with other Government representatives to express WWDA's concerns and priorities in relation to the legislation. WWDA is an independent systemic advocacy organisation, that represents the interests and priorities of women, girls, feminine identifying and non-binary people with disabilities. We have engaged with Government to advocate for the priorities of our community in relation to the legislation, and represent our community's concerns.