

Response to Question on Notice – 26 February 2019 Public Hearing

Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council

I was one of the witnesses invited to participate in a roundtable discussion about the NDIS and Mental Health in Melbourne in February. At this meeting, I took a question on notice with regards to Ann Sudmalis's question around the provider of last resort arrangement in place in Victoria. I approached some contacts in the DHHS regarding this matter and received the following communique this morning at 8.30am this morning:

"Please see wording the Department of Health and Human Service can provide:

The NDIA is responsible for the Maintaining Critical Supports approach. Victoria is working with the NDIA to ensure the approach will be effective in Victoria. In the meantime, Victoria continues to support people through the NDIS transition.

I would also observe that it is the department's view that the JSC should direct any questions around 'provider of last resort arrangements' (which the NDIS calls 'maintaining critical supports') to the NDIA."

Apologies for the lateness of this reply but as mentioned have been awaiting a response on this matter.

Best Regards

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