

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

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

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Question:

Senator REYNOLDS: Thank you for that. That was very helpful. Of the main measures to moderate plan inflation by \$14.4 billion, the first one is section 33. For the forward estimates, how much of that \$14.4 billion moderation is associated—my understanding and my recollection is that, while intraplan inflation is an issue, it's certainly not of that quantum. What's the dollar figure that goes with that amendment in this bill?

Mr Swainson: These measures are intended to operate as a package. They don't operate in isolation to have that moderating effect. I certainly don't have specific modelling for specific provisions here today, but they are intended to operate as a package of measures, not individually.

Senator REYNOLDS: So you're saying that section 33, 34 and 45 work together as a package, and then you've got section 46. Are all of those three measures—the four sections and three different measures—to work together? Could you please take that on notice and provide some more information about what modelling was done and how that figure came to be. Also, importantly, what is the current rate of interplan inflation? My recollection is that we take it from what the current rate of inflation is down to eight per cent.

Ms Shannon: We can take that on notice.

Answer:

The moderation in growth is outlined in the Budget 2024-25 – paper 2.

Please refer to the latest NDIA Quarterly Report – Q3 (2023-24) in relation to interplan inflation.