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To: [Community Affairs Committee \(SEN\)](#)
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Hi Kate

Please find my response to questions below.

Topic	Question	Answer
Consultation	What stakeholder forums have been held to discuss the National Disability Strategy? When were these held, where, what format was used, what were the outcomes and what follow up has occurred? What changes have been made as a result of these Stakeholder forums?	In my role as Executive Director of PWdWA I have not been involved in or know of any stakeholder forums directly related to the National Disability Strategy. The last forum I attended was as Chair of the WA Ministerial Advisory Council 2013.
Coordination	What arrangements are in place to ensure that the NDIS implementation is coordinated, and that the various Departments act in a coordinated fashion, with consistent policy directions?	The only arrangements I am aware of are through the COAG Disability Reform Council meeting of Disability Ministers and Policy officers from Departments.
NDS working party	What steps are being taken to reinvigorate the National Disability Strategy? When is the working party due to report and what progress has been made to date?	I do not know and have not had information regarding any re-invigoration.
Progress	What progress do you believe has been made in making communities more inclusive and accessible under the National Disability Strategy?	I believe there has been some progress in built environment and infrastructure but it is very slow and only applies to public buildings with many issues of the Building Code only meeting minimum access requirements due to costs cited by the building and development lobby. In inclusion progress is slow with some improvement in responsiveness of community in the arts, sports etc but little progress in employment.
Consultation	What consultation and communication has your organisation had about the National Disability Strategy with the Commonwealth Government in the last 12 months?	This Senate Inquiry. No others I am aware of.

Kind regards

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