

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

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

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Question asked by: Louise Pratt

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Question:

Senator PRATT: Thank you, Chair. I've got some questions to put on notice as well. I'm keen, please, for some detail on the agreement made at National Cabinet late last year: what did they agree to in terms of bringing forward legislation in the first half of this year, and how many meetings have you had with them, since when?

Answer:

In December 2023 the National Cabinet agreed to introduce legislation and other changes to the NDIS in the first half of 2024 to improve the experience of participants and restore the original intent of the Scheme to support people with permanent and significant disability, within a broader ecosystem of supports.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024 (the Bill) introduced into the Federal Parliament on 27 March 2024 delivers on this commitment and is based on key recommendations of the Independent NDIS Review.

The Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC) and senior disability officials meet regularly to engage on the NDIS legislation and other strategic reform priorities. For example, DRMC has met twice in 2024 to date with NDIS legislative reform discussed at both meetings.

Please also refer to the Prime Minister's Media Release from National Cabinet on 6 December 2023.