

## **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Budget Estimates – 31 May 2023  
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

The Hon Bill Shorten MP  
Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme  
Minister for Government Services

**Topic: ECE Project**

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**Senator:** Wendy Askew

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### **Question:**

When was PI-0 completed for the ECE Project?

Is the ECE Project currently in PI-1?

How many claims have been processed to date under the ECE Project?

When did the solution design review into the ECE Project commence? Is it still ongoing?

What were the original costs for ECE, and what are the revised costs?

### **Answer:**

PI-0 was completed on 30 September 2021.

The Entitlement Calculation Engine (ECE) Project is currently on hold having delivered part of the original scope of PI-1 from September to November 2022.

As at 22 June 2023, 784 claims have been processed under the ECE Project.

The solution design review commenced on 19 December 2022. The final report has been distributed to Services Australia senior executives for review and feedback.

The Welfare Payment Infrastructure Transformation Tranche 4 funding that relates to ECE was \$299.8 million (m). The project funding for ECE by financial year is as follows:

- 2020-21 - \$127.8 m;
- 2021-22 - \$137.3 m; and
- 2022-23 - \$34.7 m.