

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2011-12 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 177**

**Topic:** National Disability Insurance Scheme

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Fifield** asked:

How will the needs of low vision and blind people over pension age be met under a National Disability Insurance Scheme?

**Answer:**

The Productivity Commission recommends that depending on circumstances, people receiving supports through an NDIS may choose to either continue receiving those supports or move to the aged care system, once they are of age pension age.

The Government believes that adequate care and support should be available in both the disability care and aged care systems. The specific design and coverage of a NDIS and interactions with other care systems and mainstream services is currently being considered by the Commonwealth and state and territory governments.