

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number:** 5

**Question No:** 394

**Topic:** NDIS and Community mental health programs

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator McLucas** asked:

How will the NDIS - as it rolls out - interact with community mental health programs for which the department has responsibility? How will the rollout of the NDIS affect the future funding of community mental health programs for which the department has responsibility?

**Answer:**

- Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs) services and Mental Health Respite: Carer Support (MHR:CS) services, funded under the Department's Targeted Community Care Program, are in-scope for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). This means these services will become part of the NDIS as it rolls out.
- These programs largely operate as an in-kind arrangement in the NDIS trial sites. In-kind arrangements are supports that have already been paid for by governments under existing funding agreements. The supports delivered by these services to NDIS participants are then counted towards the Commonwealth contribution to the scheme.