

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

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**Question No:** 396

**Topic:** Home Care and Support

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**Senator McLucas** asked:

How will the NDIS, as it rolls out, interact with the National Respite for Carers Program?  
How will the rollout of the NDIS affect the future funding of the National Respite for Carers Program?

**Answer:**

From 1 July 2015, the National Respite for Carers Programme (NRCP) will be combined with the Commonwealth Home and Community Care (HACC) Program and other programmes under a single streamlined Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) to provide basic care, support and respite services for older people living in the community, and their carers.

The transition of the NRCP to the CHSP will be informed by consultation with stakeholders in the coming months. The interaction between carer support and respite services in the CHSP and the rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme will be amongst the issues to be considered. Subject to this process, the Department will provide advice to Government on arrangements for carer support and respite services into the future.