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Topic: Sector Development Fund

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Senator Moore asked:

Please provide an implementation update on the Sector Development Fund (the previous government committed \$122.6 million over four years in the 2012-13 Budget).

Answer:

The Sector Development Fund is to prepare the disability sector for new ways of delivering disability services, with a focus on trial locations and transition to full Scheme.

The projects completed, approved or to be allocated by a competitive funding process to date total \$91 million. Major projects include:

- \$23.85 million from 2013-14 to 2015-16 to support the implementation of the Disability Support Organisations (DSOs) in maximising independence, people living independently and supporting inclusion.
- \$20 million for workforce development over the next three years, with this work to be led by the Department of Social Services.
- \$15.8 million to prepare jurisdictions for the National Disability Insurance Scheme.
- \$14.4 million from 2012-13 to 2015-16 for peak representative bodies, including: Australian Federation of Disability Organisations, National Disability Services, Carers Australia, the National Disability and Carer Alliance, Mental Health Council of Australia, and the First People's Disability Network for engagement and capacity building.
- \$9 million over three years for a Centre for Excellence in Actuarial Research.
- \$8 million has been allocated from 2012-13 for a range of other projects.