

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

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**Question No:** 492

**Topic:** National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

Is any work being done (or in the pipeline) either by DSS, the NDIA or by a third party, looking at the timeframes for rollout, both for the launch phase and full roll out?

**Answer:**

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has commenced planning for the full rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The Agency has also recently appointed a General Manager to manage full Scheme design and transition. The NDIA is in the process of finalising staff recruitment to support this position.

An Independent Review of Planning and Strategies for Transition to Full Scheme for the NDIS was prepared in response to a request from the Assistant Minister for Social Services, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield. For further information on this review, please refer to the QoN 400.

The recommendations from this Independent Review are assisting the NDIA's planning for full scheme roll. This includes the identification of the context and risks, key deliverables, milestones, risk mitigation and the optimal timetable for roll out.

In addition, the NDIA Board has commissioned a further review from KPMG into the risk associated with the transition to full scheme. The report is due to be finalised by mid-year. The NDIA will be working closely with the Board and the Department of Social Services as it prepares for full scheme rollout.

The three new NDIS trial sites, due to commence from 1 July 2014, all have implementation working groups with representatives from both Commonwealth and state governments working with the NDIA to manage the ongoing delivery of the NDIS.