

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Reynolds, Linda

Question:

Senator REYNOLDS: Can you take on Notice the question of engagement with the NDIA. Visiting the NDIA trial sites might be a good place to start because it is their staff who are dealing one on one with it, but it is only in relation to disability support. If the Primary Health Networks could work with the NDIA staff to look at health needs, bringing in mental health and housing, because that is another area where people fall through the cracks, that would be of benefit. So if you could take that on notice to look at what the options are. Mr Bowles: We can look at that.

Answer:

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has engaged with Medicare Locals in trial sites to raise awareness and provide information about supports and services that can be provided by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

These engagement forums, together with the work Local Area Coordinators are undertaking to develop strong links with clinical mental health services, will assist in ensuring that people with disability are provided with the support that they need.