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Topic: NDIS Full Rollout

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Senator McLucas, Jan asked:

What other work is the department doing to ensure that the sector is ready for transition to full scheme in July 2016?

Answer:

The Commonwealth is currently progressing work on an integrated Market, Sector and Workforce Strategy (the strategy) for the disability sector, in consultation with the states and territories and the National Disability Insurance Agency.

The strategy is being prepared for consideration by the Disability Reform Council in April 2015, and will align market, sector and workforce development activities that are occurring in trial sites, across states and territories and nationally to develop the market to support the NDIS roll out.

The Commonwealth has committed \$146 million to the Sector Development Fund (the Fund) which will be used to assist individuals and organisations to transition to the NDIS operational environment. The strategy will provide direction in regard to actions financed through the Fund to support individuals and organisations to transition to full scheme

On 9 December 2014, the Government transferred management of the Fund from the National Disability Insurance Agency to the Department of Social Services. Officials are currently finalising the transfer arrangements.