

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO
2015-16 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 5.1 Disability Mental Health and Carers Programme

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Topic: Committee report response

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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

When is the Government going to respond to the Violence, Abuse and Neglect of People with Disability in Residential and Intuitional Settings Report made by the Community Affairs References Committee?

Answer:

The Department has written to the Committee seeking an extension to 30 June 2016 of the whole-of-government response to the inquiry.

The Department is working with state and territory governments to develop a new National Framework for Quality and Safeguards in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The Quality and Safeguards Framework, its findings and recommendations, will play an important role in developing better ways of preventing, detecting and responding to cases of violence, abuse and neglect.

The Governments response will be framed to ensure it reflects the finalised Framework.