

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

**Outcome Number: 5.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme Question No: SQ16-000197**

**Topic: NDIS**

**Hansard page: Written**

**Senator Kim Carr** asked:

Can you confirm that eligibility for NDIS assistance on the basis of age is staggered to match rollout dates, depending on where someone lives?

**Answer:**

The Commonwealth has signed bilateral agreements for the transition to full scheme with New South Wales (NSW), Victoria (Vic), South Australia (SA) and Tasmania (Tas). Each jurisdiction's approach to transition and the phasing in of clients will take account of local circumstances and promote best possible outcomes for people with disability.

In NSW and Vic, transition will be based on a staged geographic roll-out. In SA, transition will be based on a mix of age cohorts and geographic locations. In Tas, transition will be based on age cohorts.