

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015 - 2016 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome:** National Disability Insurance Agency

**Question No:** NDIA SQ16-000003

**Topic:** Participant information (Incarcerated)

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert** asked:

How many people were incarcerated at the time of entry into the NDIS? How many people does the NDIS currently provide support to who are in detention of any form?

**Answer:**

Due to limitations of the ICT system and ongoing improvements to data collection, data on the number of people in detention who are participants is not consistently or accurately recorded.

In principle, it is unlikely that any person would be found eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) while they were incarcerated due to the access criteria for the NDIS.

There have been NDIS participants who have been placed in detention while supported by the NDIS. During a period of incarceration, the supports provided by the NDIS are changed.

Data on the number of people in this situation is not readily available and would require a diversion of National Disability Insurance Agency resources in order to determine the number available.