

**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 SQ16-000008

**Topic:** NDIA internal costs

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

What efforts is being undertaking to reduce costs internally by the NDIA, as opposed to trying to reduce / contain costs by cutting back funding for travel by participants in consultations like the CEO Forum?

**Answer:**

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) remains committed to delivering the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) within the funding envelope assigned to NDIA operating costs.

The NDIA monitors the ratio of operating expenditure to NDIS costs on a monthly basis. On a year-to-date basis for 2015-16, this ratio is favourable to budget target.

Expenses to attend the CEO Forum are expected to be covered by attendees or their organisations. The decision on whether to fund attendees from peak bodies within the disability sector to attend the CEO Forum is made on a case-by-case basis. If an organisation requires support in the form of sponsorship to attend this meeting, they need to submit an application for sponsorship in writing to the NDIA. Each request is assessed by the General Manager of Media, Communications and Engagement and is either approved in whole, approved in part, or declined.