

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 SQ16-000020

Topic: Prosthetic equipment requests

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Senator Carr asked:

What process will be used to determine the clinical appropriateness of orthotic and prosthetic equipment requests?

Answer:

Where assistive technology such as orthotics and prosthetics is funded by the National Disability Insurance Scheme, expert assessment and assistance is to be provided by a person with appropriate qualifications and experience in that particular type of assistive technology.

For orthotic and prosthetic equipment, a clinical justification is completed by the prescriber and outlines the clinical justification for the item(s) being prescribed. This is generally completed by a specialist assessor with competence in that technology, usually by an orthotist, prosthetist, physiotherapist or occupational therapist.

Where necessary, the National Disability Insurance Agency can also request that a review be undertaken by a second independent clinical advisor to determine the suitability / clinical justification.