

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 2 - Health Access and Support Services

Topic: NDIS Eligibility

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: O'Neill, Deborah

Question:

To provide certainty for people with a mental health illness who will not be eligible for the NDIS why isn't the Department of Health, the Minister for Health or the Turnbull Government treating this with the utmost importance and giving it the priority it deserves?

Answer:

All governments have committed to providing continuity of support for existing clients who are not eligible for the NDIS. For the Commonwealth, this means that where existing Commonwealth program funding is rolling into the NDIS, program clients who are not deemed eligible for the NDIS will continue to receive supports. During the NDIS transition period this will be achieved through existing program structures and services. Longer term arrangements beyond transition will be made in the light of experience in the trial and transition phases.