

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**Question No:** 495

**Topic:** Autism and Early Intervention

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**Senator Xenophon** asked:

I have visited the Daphne Street Centre at Prospect in South Australia, which provides early intervention for children with autism, and one of the concerns raised was that a number of parents cannot enrol their children in the program as it is too far to travel.

- a) Does the Government fund any other early intervention centres for children with autism spectrum disorder in South Australia?
- b) Will there be any scope for the funding of other early intervention centres under the NDIS?

**Answer:**

- a) No.
- b) Early Intervention is included in the high level principles for a National Disability Insurance Scheme endorsed by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on 13 April 2012.