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Topic: DisabilityCare

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Senator Siewert asked:

The "DisabilityCare Australia, May 2013" distributed alongside the Budget Papers at p16 identifies that a "Sector Development Fund: will assist to prepare the disability sector, community and individuals for DisabilityCare Australia. It will be used to fund activities including transition support, workforce planning and development, and support for service quality and innovation". What is the quantum of "Sector Development Fund" monies to be made available in 2013-14? How much of this is to be dedicated to the purpose of supporting the readiness of people with disabilities to exercise choice and control over their NDIS funded supports and services? How and when will this money be rolled out?

Answer:

\$30.9 million is available from the Sector Development Fund in 2013-14 to fund sector development, capacity building, workforce development and innovation. Supporting people with disability to be able to exercise choice and control over their supports is one of the highest priorities for the Sector Development Fund.

Information about approved projects is available on the DisabilityCare website at: www.disabilitycareaustralia.gov.au. Any open competitive selection processes for the Sector Development Fund will be advertised on the website.