

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 234

Topic: DisabilityCare

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Senator Siewert asked:

What opportunity will be afforded for the public to provide open comment and feedback on the content of the NDIS Rules under section 35 of the NDIS Act?

Answer:

There have been a number of opportunities for public feedback on the NDIS Rules, including those made under section 35:

- Comments were received in response to the public release of the NDIS Rules Consultation paper and the draft Rules;
- An NDIS ‘Your Say’ forum was held on the Rules in March 2013;
- Comments were received from the NDIS Advisory Group; and
- Direct consultation was conducted on the NDIS Rules with the following 13 peak bodies:
 1. Disability Advocacy Network of Australia
 2. National Ethnic Disability Alliance
 3. Deaf Australia
 4. Deafness Forum of Australia
 5. Women with Disabilities Australia
 6. Blind Citizens Australia
 7. National Council on Intellectual Disability
 8. Brian Injury Australia
 9. Children with Disability Australia
 10. Physical Disability Australia
 11. First Peoples Disability Network
 12. Mental Health Council of Australia
 13. Australian Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum

In addition, the rules under sections 35(4) and 35(5) on accounting for compensation were provided to National Disability Services, the Law Council, the Insurance Council, representatives of the National Injury Insurance Scheme Working Group and representatives of medical indemnity insurers for comment.