

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2013-14 Budget Estimates Hearings**

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**Topic:** BSWAT

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**Senator Boyce** asked:

Do you agree with the sentiments of the UN Commissioner on Human Rights that "inclusion is not achieved by re-labelling segregation as inclusion"?

**Answer:**

The National Disability Strategy is an important element of the Australian Government's commitment to promoting social inclusion for all Australians.

The Government's ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities reflects its strong commitment to the rights of people with disability. The Strategy plays an important role in protecting, promoting and fulfilling the human rights of people with disability. The Strategy is an important mechanism to ensure that the principles underpinning the Convention are incorporated into policies and programs affecting people with disability, their families and carers.