

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2015-16 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme    Question No: SQ15-000567**

**Topic: NDIS**

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**Senator Moore asked:**

Are there any delays in South Australia and what is being done to respond?

**Answer:**

As the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) South Australian trial has progressed, it has become apparent that there are higher numbers of participants than initially detailed in the bilateral agreements with the South Australian and Australian Governments.

In the 2015-16 Budget, the Australian Government provided \$5.7 million additional funding for the South Australian trial for the NDIA to be able to process the significantly higher than anticipated number of access requests. Since January 2015, the NDIA has increased the rate of new plans being developed and expects to get back to meeting bilateral targets in the third year of the trial.

Meanwhile, Commonwealth and South Australian officials are working closely with the NDIA on arrangements for the smooth transition of children into the scheme for the remainder of the trial.

It should be noted that any eligible South Australian child with a disability under 14 years old who is not currently receiving services from the South Australian or Australian Governments can access the scheme as a priority.