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Senator Polley asked:

The NDIS Independence Learning and Capacity (ILC) framework provides little clarity on who can access supports and services. Can you confirm that there will be no barrier to people aged over 65 receiving this services and support under the ILC stream of the NDIS?

Answer:

Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) is the component of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) that provides information, linkages and referrals to efficiently and effectively connect people with disability, their families and carers, with appropriate disability, community and mainstream supports.

There are no access requirements to be met under the ILC Policy Framework of the NDIS. The range of activities offered under ILC should minimise the need for people to receive support that is individually funded under the NDIS. Through individual capacity building, people with disability, their families and carers may also receive support that stabilises their needs, and helps to slow or prevent their needs escalating to a level that requires an individually funded package. This is a key component of the NDIS social insurance model and will contribute to the sustainability of the NDIS.

Some ILC supports will be targeted to certain groups of people. For example, an organisation may be funded to provide information and peer support to people with sensory impairment, and they will be expected to prioritise their service offer to that group.

Although there are no access requirements to be met under the Framework, it is expected that the coverage of ILC will broadly mirror that of the NDIS for participants, noting that while people over the age of 65 cannot become a participant, people who enter the scheme under the age of 65 can choose to stay in the scheme.