

**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: SQ15-000564**

**Topic: NDIS**

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**Senator Moore asked:**

What stage are the evaluations up to, by jurisdiction, including Western Australia?  
Will the evaluations be made public, when?

**Answer:**

The independent evaluation of the NDIS is underway. Information about the evaluation can be found at [www.ndisevaluation.net.au](http://www.ndisevaluation.net.au).

The draft Initial Report on the NDIS evaluation is due to the Department of Social Services by the end of July 2015. The initial report will provide findings (as at the date of the report) for the first wave of data collection undertaken with people with disability, and their families and carers; and disability support providers.

It is expected the report will provide some information about all jurisdictions included in the national NDIS evaluation, with the exception of the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. These jurisdictions will be covered in subsequent reports.

The draft Interim Report is due to the Department of Social Services in March 2016 and the draft Final Report is due in November 2016.

A comparative evaluation of the NDIS and Western Australia's (WA) *MyWay* initiative is taking place throughout the trial period from July 2014 to June 2016. An interim report will be provided in January 2016 (six months prior to the expiry of the agreement with WA), with a final report due in August 2016.

It will be a matter for government to decide if the evaluation report will be made public.