Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO 2011-12 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Question No: 237

Topic: National Disability Insurance Scheme

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Senator Fifield asked:

What are the specific roles and responsibilities of the interdepartmental committee on disability care and support?

Answer:

The Interdepartmental Committee on disability long term care and support provides the forum for Commonwealth whole of government consideration of key policy issues relating to a National Disability Insurance Scheme.

This includes:

- Providing high level review and consideration of key issues and recommendations of the Productivity Commission's draft and final reports;
- Contributing to the development of options for policy and system reform;
- Identifying interactions with other Government policies and programs and developing policy to support these interactions eg. aged care, income support, health and housing; and
- Providing advice on engagement with the states and territories.