

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2013-14 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No: 199**

**Topic:** NDIS Launch Sites

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert** asked:

Please outline the governance structures for the NDIS Launch sites? Who is in charge? Does each site have individual autonomy or is their strict centralised control by the NDIA/Department?

**Answer:**

The governance model for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is outlined in the *NDIS Act 2013* (NDIS Act). The NDIS is a national scheme with funding and governance shared amongst all governments. All Australian governments are involved in decisions relating to the Scheme's policy, funding and governance.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is a corporate body and is responsible for delivery of the NDIS in accordance with section 118 of the NDIS Act. The NDIA does this in accordance with the various intergovernmental agreements.

In each site the NDIA has a senior manager responsible for ensuring the local implementation and administration of the NDIS within the legislation, rules, intergovernmental agreements, NDIA Operational Guidelines and national standard operating procedures. This senior manager reports to the NDIA National General Manager, Operational Management.

Each site has local implementation arrangements and consultative fora that have been developed in consultation with the relevant host jurisdiction to ensure local conditions are accommodated as far as possible within the national framework.

The NDIA senior manager and support staff hold the necessary delegations and accountability to fulfil their duties.