Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

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Topic: Full Rollout

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Senator Moore asked:

Can you please provide details of where negotiations are up to with the states regarding the next phase of the rollout of the NDIS?

Answer:

The NDIS is a joint venture between Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments. A series of bilateral agreements have been included and have seen the scheme launched in a number of trial sites. One purpose of these sites is so that the lessons can be learnt prior to full national roll out.

The phasing of the scheme beyond trial sites will be the product of further negotiations between jurisdictions. Discussions between jurisdictions on the future of the NDIS occur in a number of forums including the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) and the COAG Ministerial Council on Disability Reform. The Commonwealth is committed to working with State and Territory partners to deliver the NDIS.