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Senator Brown asked:

I refer to Dr Hartland's comment on page 123 of the Hansard, "We have not formally started bilateral discussions about the precise numbers in the rollout..." and Dr Hartland's comments on page 123 of the Hansard that bilateral agreements are expected to be in place "in the first half of next year." Please provide more details on the timetable to negotiate bilateral agreements with the states and territories, including dates of Ministerial Council meetings.

Answer:

Negotiations on the bilateral agreements with states and territories commenced in November 2014 and are expected to be finalised by the end of the first half of 2015. A detailed timetable for negotiating the bilateral agreements is being developed with the states and territories.

The next Ministerial Council (Disability Reform Council) meeting is being scheduled for mid-December 2014 and the following meeting is expected to be held in February 2015.