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Senator McLucas asked:

I refer to the following exchange on page 124 of the Hansard:
Senator McLucas: Is the department aware of any other proposals for rollout in any jurisdiction - for example, from a consultancy firm, a peak group or any other private or non-government organisation?
Dr Hartland: I think just about every possible approach to transition that you could imagine has been proposed in one form or another by community groups and all sorts of people whom you might meet. A whole range of options have been floated informally.

Please provide details of all approaches to transition that the Department is aware of - including name of organisations responsible for the proposals and any advice the Department has prepared on their analysis of the proposals.

Answer:

The Department meets regularly on an informal basis with a range of community and representative groups as well as officials from state and territory governments. In these conversations a range of views have been put forward, including speeding up the transition, slowing it down, and in relation to different approaches (i.e. expanding by programme, provider, geography or age).

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board commissioned consultants KPMG to prepare a report, *Review of the optimal approach to transition to the full NDIS*. The interim version of this report was released publically on 18 July 2014. Separately, the Disability Reform Council (DRC) noted advice from the NDIA Board on 16 September 2014. The Department provided confidential advice to the Assistant Minister for Social Services, as the Chair of DRC, on the KPMG Report and NDIA Board's advice. DRC has asked Commonwealth and state officials to work together, and with the NDIA, to consider feasible options for transition.