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Senator Brown asked:

How is the Commonwealth ensuring that States and Territories are meeting their requirements under the NDIS agreements, to ensure states and territories do not withdraw services until the NDIS is fully rolled out?

Answer:

Under the Intergovernmental Agreements for NDIS trials, each government is responsible for managing continuity of support arrangements.

The performance criteria for the scheme also include reporting by the National Disability Insurance Agency on participants' access to mainstream supports, which is being actively monitored as the scheme rolls out.

The National Disability Strategy and the National Disability Agreement (NDA) are the mechanisms that ensure governments are continuing to provide mainstream and disability specific services outside of NDIS arrangements. Under the NDA, states and territories have an obligation to provide disability services (except disability employment services) in a manner which most effectively meets the needs of people with disability, their families and carers, consistent with local needs and priorities.