

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 562**

**Topic: NDIS**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** asked:

What is the status of the National Disability Agreement in this period of transition to the NDIS and how is the government monitoring accountability of the jurisdictions?

**Answer:**

The National Disability Agreement (NDA) continues as a National Agreement under the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations (IGAFFR) during the period of transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), until otherwise agreed by the Council of Australian Governments.

The Intergovernmental Agreement on NDIS Launch (IGA on NDIS Launch) includes Part 12: Relationship to the NDA, and Clause 117 states that nothing in the IGA on NDIS Launch affects arrangements under the NDA unless otherwise specified.

All monitoring of accountability of jurisdictions in relation to the National Disability Agreement is in line with the IGAFFR Schedule C, which specifies that 'reporting under the framework for federal financial relations will be in respect of the comparative performance of government achievement against objectives, outcomes, outputs and performance benchmarks in areas covered by National Agreements'.