Senate Community Affairs Committee

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SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

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Topic: NDIS

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Senator Brown asked:

What is the government's plan to ensure that the National Disability Agreement dovetails with the NDIS' development?

Answer:

The National Disability Insurance Scheme design is consistent with the priorities outlined in the National Disability Agreement to:

- build the evidence base for disability policies and strategies;
- enhance Family and Carer Capacity;
- develop Strategies for Increased Choice, Control and Self-directed Decision-making;
- maintain innovative and flexible support models for people with high and complex needs; and
- develop employment opportunities for people with disability.

The Council of Australian Governments has asked the Disability Reform Council, formerly the Ministerial Council, to take responsibility for the oversight of the NDIS in the context of the National Disability Strategy.