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Senator Brown asked:

Some states have signalled that they will contract out their state-run disability services as the NDIS rolls out. How does this fit with the states' obligations under the National Disability Agreement? Is it envisaged that the costs of these contracting processes will come from inside or outside the National Disability Agreement envelope? Has this been considered in the bi-laterals or the National Disability Agreement, and what is the government's expectation?

Answer:

States and territories (the states) have an obligation under the National Disability Agreement to provide disability services (except disability employment services) in a manner that most effectively meets the needs of people with disability, their families and carers, consistent with local needs and priorities. How disability services are provided within jurisdictions is a matter for the states.