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Senator Moore asked:

Against the spirit of the YPIRAC funding agreements, extensive anecdotal evidence exists that some states are shifting YPIRAC funds either into the trial sites as part of individual funding packages that, in their turn, are viewed as part of the states' 'in-kind' commitment to the NDIS; or back into the states' general disability funding programs. To ensure that the YPINH group continued to be a focus of the National Disability Agreement, the Commonwealth continued its funding of YPIRAC beyond the program's end date of June 2011 and did so through its increased contribution to the National Disability Agreement.

- a. How is scrutiny of YPIRAC funding tracked within the National Disability Agreement?
- b. What data can be provided that indicates how YPIRAC funds are being utilised and acquitted by the states?

Answer:

Under the National Disability Agreement, a schedule of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Federal Financial Relations, there is no mechanism for inter-governmental tracking of any governments' specified funding for the YPIRAC cohort. Data specifically tied to YPIRAC funds has not been available since 2010-11.

However, data associated with the YPIRAC cohort is available in the annual Report on Government Services published by the Productivity Commission. This report also includes governments' expenditure data in relation to the delivery of disability services, expenditure which is associated with the National Disability Agreement. The National Disability Agreement includes a performance indicator (f) proportion of younger people entering, living in, and exiting, permanent residential aged care.