

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

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**Question No:** 572

**Topic:** NDIS

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Moore** asked:

In relation to the bi-laterals talk about cost splitting and cost allocation inside the trial sites:

- a. Does data exist on the funding splits inside the trial sites?
- b. What relationship exists (if any) between the NDIA, the bi-lateral agreements, the trial sites and mainstream programs?
- c. How is this being effected in terms of transition to the NDIS?
- d. What evidence exists that the bi laterals are having an influence outside the launch sites? In other words, how much of the NDIS' development is influencing how States and Territories programs operate outside the trial sites?

**Answer:**

- a. Yes – costs for individually funded packages are split 59.4% from the states and territories; and 40.6% from the Commonwealth.
- b. and c. The relationship between the NDIS and mainstream services is covered under the Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) for the NDIS trials. Under the IGA, the Commonwealth and states and territories have agreed to:
  - ensure the launch of the NDIS will not lead to any unnecessary reduction in mainstream services that will increase demand in the NDIS;
  - identify and report issues to the NDIA or Ministerial Council or responsible government where trial arrangements are unintendedly impacting mainstream services; and
  - support the NDIA to coordinate and promote links between the NDIS and mainstream services.
- d. Mainstream interface and NDIS arrangements for the transition to full scheme will be determined in the development of bilateral agreements for transition to full scheme.