## Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

## 2016-17 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 3.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme Question No: SQ16-000428

**Topic: NDIS** 

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## Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Could the Department provide the number of people receiving Mental Health Respite: Carer Support (MHR:CS), the number of people who applied for the NDIS, and the number of people who were eligible for the NDIS?

## **Answer:**

As at 30 June 2016, there were 29,141 mental health carers receiving supports through the Mental Health Respite: Carer Support program. As clients under this program are carers, DSS is unable to provide data on the numbers of carers' care recipients who have applied or become eligible for the NDIS.