

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: SQ16-000430

Topic: NDIS

Hansard page: 68

Senator Murray Watt asked:

Is it appropriate to appoint someone as the chair of this [NDIA] board who doesn't have experience in the disability sector?

Answer:

Section 127 of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* requires National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Board members to have skills, experience or knowledge in at least one of the fields:

- the provision or use of disability services;
- the operation of insurance schemes, compensation schemes or schemes with long-term liabilities;
- financial management;
- corporate governance.

Also, in appointing the Board members, the Minister for Social Services must ensure that the Board members collectively possess an appropriate balance of skills, experience or knowledge in the fields listed above.

It is for the government to comment on what is appropriate, not the Department.