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Senator: Wong

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Question:

Senator WONG: What I do not understand is that previously, in terms of how it was treated, was there an assumption that the state component would not essentially transit the GGS? The states would pay directly—in a care package they would have a contribution. So you would not have to account for money coming in from the state and then coming out as well from the agencies?

Mr Thomann: I think in terms of the accounting policy, it was always intended that it would be accounted for in this way. I think it is mostly a timing issue in relation to the creation of the National Disability Insurance Agency.

Senator WONG: Can someone confirm that for me, because it just seemed to me that it was a very significant shift in payments under that scheme? Is there anyone who can explain to me why? There is no movement at the station.

Mr Thomann: I will have to take it on notice.

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Mr Tune: We will try, but in the meantime we will take it on notice.

Answer:

This question was answered in a subsequent session. Refer to Hansard, F&PA Committee, 28 May 2014, page 103.