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Question:

Given PM&Cs overarching policy role, what action and engagement is it undertaking with the NDIS to ensure that the scheme will be fit for purpose in remote communities?

Answer:

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) is working with other Commonwealth agencies to support the National Disability Insurance Agency to engage with Indigenous communities and apply a flexible, co-design approach that meets the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability, particularly in remote regions. PM&C has established a cross portfolio working group under the auspices of the Secretaries' Board to co-ordinate this work. The National Disability Insurance Agency is part of the working group.