

18 November 2024

Bob Buckley
Right to Know

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Dear Bob Buckley

Freedom of Information request — Notification of Decision

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 July 2024, in which you requested access to documents held by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act).

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a decision on your request.

Scope of your request

You have requested access to the following documents:

The Australian Newspaper published an article 27/6/2024 (see ["NDIS Minister Bill Shorten said the scheme's actuary had calculated the two-month delay would add more than \\$1bn to the cost of the scheme over the budget's forward estimates"*](https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theaustralian.com.au%2Fnation%2Fpolitics%2Fminister-bill-shorten-starts-multimillion-dollar-ndis-cost-delay-tracker%2Fnews-story%2F58d64dfb61d0bbd822f06f295ec80938&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40ndis.gov.au%7Ca6c7519de6f141a4de0808dca8fc21a9%7Ccd778b65752d454a87cfb9990fe58993%7C0%7C0%7C638571048207731742%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Ojugfy6CsObwIom6LfelMF6kD%2FvPoNqoJEyDg1ZfyFk%3D&reserved=0) claiming</i></p></div><div data-bbox=)*

Please provide, in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act,

1) *the scheme actuary's complete advice to the Minister that includes support for the Minister's claim above,*

2) *the request(s) to the scheme actuary that caused that advice to be compiled."*

Administrative release – Point 1

After reviewing your request, I have discovered David Gifford's letter to the Minister on the APH website: Submissions – Parliament of Australia. It is included in the **Joint submission by Department of Social Services (DSS) and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) – Submission 20.**

- [Submissions – Parliament of Australia \(aph.gov.au\)](https://aph.gov.au)

I note that this information is publicly available as such I am satisfied that this information directly addresses point 1 of your request.

Administrative release – Point 2

Searches for documents were conducted by the following NDIA branch:

- Scheme actuary

As a result of these searches, I can confirm that I have been provided with the information addressing point 2 of your request.

In regards to David Gifford's message, the Minister addressed the budget's forward estimates during Question Time in House of Representatives, presenting a document on 27 June 2024 that details the budget expenditure. Referencing a section on page 78 which address point 2 of your request.

[Hansard - House of Representatives 27/06/2024 Parliament of Australia \(aph.gov.au\)](https://aph.gov.au)

I note that this information is publicly available as such I am satisfied that this information directly addresses point 2 of your request.

In reaching my decision, I took the following into account:

- your correspondence outlining the scope of your request
- the nature and content of the documents falling within the scope of your request
- the FOI Act
- the FOI Guidelines published under section 93A of the FOI Act

- consultation with relevant NDIA staff
- the NDIA's operating environment and functions.

Rights of review

Your rights to seek a review of my decision, or lodge a complaint, are set out at **Attachment A**.

Should you have any enquiries concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at foi@ndis.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by a diagonal stroke.

Cooper (CHH674)
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