



## “Rumblings ?”

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There are escalating rumblings about the long term funding for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) With the test pilot programs set to finish on June 30th and the implementation of the full NDIS scheme set to start in 2016 (and be completed by 2018) it appears many of the pilot schemes are so far behind schedule as to make the review process somewhere between fascial and problematic. How can you review something that has not happened??

For example in South Australia by June 30th 2015 (that's three weeks away) some 12,000 children with disability aged up to 13 are programmed to be included in the pilot program.

The actual number assessed and receiving services is expected on June 30th in SA to be less than 6.500 with only clients up to 6 years of age are being processed so far. Nearly 6,000 other potential clients, some of whom have been registered for assessment since July 2014 (11 months) are yet to be assessed far less receive a NDIS funded program. The age group of 6-14 will be unrepresented in this review.

It is amazing ineptitude that the pilot is running 12 months behind schedule after being launched just 24 months ago. Not by Disability SA or the people at the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) that manages the program but by the Federal Government who has provided insufficient funding to develop and implement the pilots. Under resourcing people with disability in crisis sucks Mr Abbott.

The question needs to be asked. If the Abbott Government deliberately underfunds the pilots programs what chance is there that they will fully fund the full NDIS scheme in 2016 and it will be delivered on time in 2018?

Please see link below.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-05-28/disability-advocates-demand-clarity-over-ndis-funding/6502268>

The other significant question needs to be what happens to the 30,000 people around the country (some 3000 in SA) who are desperately waiting on disability service waiting lists for crisis services.

We seek the answers please Mr Abbott.....???

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