

## NDIS SENIOR OFFICIALS' WORKING GROUP – WORKPLAN (MAY – DECEMBER 2012)

| Meeting Dates | Meeting               | Items for discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Papers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Meeting objectives                                               |
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| 4 May 2012    | SOWG                  | <p><i>NDIS Policy Design Elements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commonwealth paper on phase one of policy design elements: eligibility, definition of reasonable and necessary and operationalising choice and control.</li> </ul> <p><i>Infrastructure Elements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commonwealth paper on governance models for an NDIA and legislative options.</li> <li>Commonwealth paper on funding options for an NDIS.</li> </ul> <p><i>Progress of Reforms</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program governance.</li> <li>SOWG workplan.</li> <li>Launch transition agency and design fund.</li> </ul> | <p>Policy Paper(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy Design Elements</li> <li>Governance for an NDIA and legislative options</li> <li>Funding options for an NDIS</li> </ul> <p>SOWG workplan</p> <p>Transition agency and design fund</p> | Progress COAG outcomes and agree next steps                      |
| 11 May (TBC)  | SOM                   | Discuss Budget outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Nil                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Advise jurisdictions on any relevant outcomes                    |
| W/C 7 May     | Program Working Group | <p>Program Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress outcomes from SOWG / develop initial advice on phase one policy design elements: eligibility, definition of reasonable and necessary and operationalising choice and control.</li> <li>Update on progress on building blocks.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Progress SOWG outcomes                                           |
| W/C 14 May    | Program Working Group | <p>Program Working Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalise papers to SOWG on Policy Design elements (phase 1 and 2)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>phase one: eligibility, definition of reasonable and necessary and operationalising choice and control</li> <li>phase two: LACs, DSOs, client pathways</li> </ul> </li> <li>Update on progress on building blocks</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Agree advice to SOWG on phase one and two policy design elements |

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| W/C 14 May    | Funding and Governance Sub-Group | Funding and Governance Sub-group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalise papers to SOWG on funding and governance.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Agree advice to SOWG on funding and governance                                                                                                                                                       |
| 25 May 2012   | SOWG                             | <p><i>NDIS Policy Design Elements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider phase one and two elements of NDIS design: eligibility, reasonable and necessary and operationalising choice and control, client pathways, Local Area Coordinators and Disability Support Organisations).</li> </ul> <p><i>Infrastructure Elements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider updates on governance models.</li> <li>Consider options for managing NDIS funding.</li> </ul> <p><i>Select Council workplan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update Select Council workplan and agree process for COAG out-of-session endorsement.</li> </ul> <p><i>Framework for the first stage of the NDIS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider framework for the first stage of an NDIS.</li> </ul> <p><i>NIIS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the NIIS</li> </ul> <p><i>Advisory Group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback from Dr Harmer, Chair of the NDIS Advisory Group</li> </ul> | <p>Next Steps for Phase One design elements</p> <p>Management of NDIS funding</p> <p>Governance and legislation progress report</p> <p>Framework for the first stage of an NDIS</p> <p>NDIS Launch Transition Agency</p> <p>Select Council workplan</p> | <p>Consider work of Funding and Governance Sub-Group, Building Block leads and framework for the first stage of the NDIS .</p> <p>Agree Select Council workplan and process for COAG endorsement</p> |
| W/C 4 June    | Funding and Governance Sub-Group | Funding and Governance Sub-group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further consider models for managing the funding and consider the cost implications of the other elements of the scheme (for example, eligibility).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Develop options for consideration on the Select Council on Disability Reform                                                                                                                         |
| Early June    | SOM                              | <p><i>NDIS Policy Design Elements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider phase one and two elements of NDIS design: eligibility, reasonable and necessary and operationalising choice and control, client pathways, Local Area Coordinators and Disability Support Organisations).</li> </ul> <p><i>Infrastructure Elements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider updates on governance models.</li> <li>Consider options for managing NDIS funding.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Consider work to inform options being provided to the Select Council on initial options on design and infrastructure elements.</p> <p>Consider framework for the first stage of an</p>            |

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|                 |                | <i>Framework for the first stage of the NDIS</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider framework for the first stage of an NDIS.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | NDIS.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Mid June 2012   | SOWG           | <p><i>NDIS Policy Design Elements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agree options being provided to the SC on all elements of NDIS design: eligibility, reasonable and necessary and operationalising choice and control, client pathways, Local Area Coordinators and Disability Support Organisations).</li> </ul> <p><i>Infrastructure Elements</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agree options being provided to the SC on governance models.</li> <li>Agree options being provided to the SC regarding funding models.</li> </ul> <p><i>Framework for the first stage of an NDIS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agree framework for the SC on the first stage of an NDIS.</li> </ul> <p><i>NIIS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on NIIS</li> </ul> <p><i>Advisory and Expert Groups</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on the advisory and expert groups</li> </ul> | <p>Report(s) to Select Council, with options on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design elements</li> <li>Governance for an NDIA and legislative options</li> <li>Funding options for an NDIS</li> <li>Framework for the first stage of an NDIS</li> <li>Workplan</li> </ul> <p>Building block update(s).</p> | <p>Consider SOM outcomes and agree options being put to the SC</p>                                                                                                                                   |
| Early July 2012 | Select Council | <i>Select Council on Disability Reform</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Report(s) to Select Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design elements</li> <li>Governance for an NDIA and legislative options</li> <li>Funding options for an NDIS</li> <li>Framework for the first stage of the NDIS</li> <li>Workplan</li> </ul>                                                  | <p>Agree options being put to COAG regarding eligibility and supports, funding and governance; and in-principle agreement on a number of aspects of the framework for the first stage of an NDIS</p> |
| TBC             | SOM            | TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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| July 2012       | SOWG    | Outcomes from Select Council on Disability Reform and next steps                                            | TBC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Finalise papers for COAG on options for eligibility and supports, funding and governance                                                                      |
| Mid-late July   | SOM     | COAG papers on policy design elements, funding and governance and framework for the first stage of an NDIS. | COAG agenda paper                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Discuss outstanding issues and finalise papers for COAG                                                                                                       |
| Late July (TBC) | COAG    | COAG                                                                                                        | Report(s) from Select Council on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design elements</li> <li>• Governance for an NDIA and legislative options</li> <li>• Funding options for an NDIS</li> <li>• Framework for the first stage of the NDIS</li> </ul> | Consider options for eligibility and supports, funding and governance; and in-principle on number of aspects of the framework for the first stage of an NDIS. |