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Mr Simon Behrakis
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Dear Mr Behrakis,

Simon

Thank you for your Constituent Question on Thursday, 23 May 2024, asked as follows:

There are thousands of Tasmanians who live with a disability. The National Disability Insurance Scheme is critical to many of those Tasmanians for their ongoing support and wellbeing. How many Tasmanians living with disability are now active participants in the scheme, and can you provide the number of total active Tasmanian NDIS participants who have not previously received support through the Commonwealth or state government programs in the past? Additionally, can you provide an update on the NDIS review, particularly around what the foundation support system will look like?

I am pleased to provide the following response:

As of 31st March 2024, there were 13,947 active participants in Tasmania. A total of 9,618 active Tasmanian participants have not previously received disability support through Commonwealth or State government programs.

The Tasmanian Government is currently working with the Australian, State and Territory Governments to develop a foundational support strategy with further details to be announced in the coming months. The foundational support system, still in development, forms part of the agreement reached by National Cabinet as part of the Review of the National Disability Insurance Scheme handed down last year.

Yours sincerely

Hon Jo Palmer MLC
Minister for Disability Services