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Subject: RE: incoming ministerial correspondence [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Date: Friday, 13 November 2020 3:06:00 PM

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#### **OFFICIAL:Sensitive**

Thanks **s22** and for your quick response.

Have a great weekend.

s22

From: S22

Sent: Friday, 13 November 2020 12:00 PM

To: \$22

Cc: \$22 **Autism Policy** 

<<u>AutismPolicy@dss.gov.au</u>>

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**Assistant Director** Early Childhood Intervention and Autism Section **Participant Outcomes Branch** 

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To: \$22

**Subject:** FW: incoming ministerial correspondence [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Sent: Thursday, 12 November 2020 3:08 PM

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From: Autism Policy
To: convenor@a4.org.au

Cc: ParticipantsandPerformance; Minister; ross.joyce@afdo.org.au; senator.hughes@aph.gov.au

Subject: FW: Response to email to Minister Robert regarding Expert Reference Group to implement the National

Guideline for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders in Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**Date:** Thursday, 29 October 2020 11:12:12 AM

Dear Mr Buckley

Thank you for your email.

As outlined in my previous correspondence to you, we do have Group members representing the voices of parents and families of autistic children. I am not aware any undertaking by the previous Assistant Minister for Disability, Senator the Hon Sarah Henderson.

We look forward to engaging with A4 and other representatives of the autistic community in relation to the workings of the Group. I would also like to engage with you and others about the development of an issues paper to inform work to align with the new National Disability Strategy, as discussed with yourself, Patrick McGee and Mary Mallet in our teleconference of 18 September 2020. In addition to our review submissions to the Senate Select Committee on Autism, I welcome any additional information, papers or resources you would like us to consider in developing a first draft for feedback.

Regards

Sarah Hawke Branch Manager Participant Outcomes Branch

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**From:** Bob Buckley (A4 Convenor)

Sent: Tuesday, 27 October 2020 11:35 AM

To: Autism Policy

**Cc:** ParticipantsandPerformance; Minister; ross.joyce@afdo.org.au;

senator.hughes@aph.gov.au

**Subject:** Re: Response to email to Minister Robert regarding Expert Reference Group to implement the National Guideline for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders in Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL]

#### Dear Ms Hawke

Thank you for your reply.

I removed your contact information from the website as you requested. We simply shared the communication we received from the Government, as we often do.

Thank you for providing a copy of our original communication with the Minister. It appears to be the contents of the Minister's online form.

I note that your original response on behalf of the Minister did not address the questions asked. Similarly, you do not answer Questions 3 & 4 below. A4's Unanswered Questions policy means we should interpret this especially negatively. So we understand that the government feels *Autism Aspergers Advocacy Australia* (or A4) must be excluded and could not contribute to constructively to an Expert Reference Group on autism.

A4 has no issue with the people you have included in your reference group. Our concern is that you have chosen to exclude representation of parents and families of autistic children. Most autistic people are diagnosed while they are children so their families play an important roles in the process and in what follows diagnosis. Your decision to exclude their voice from your group is unacceptable. There are also major parts of of Australia's autistic community that the representatives you included do not represent, people who should be represented in matters like this.

When the Hon. Senator Henderson was Assistant Minister for Disability, she promised that A4 would be included in processes like this. So this is yet another broken promise from the Government.

We are not aware that any other organisation has a clear picture of autism diagnosis across the country (based on data and analysis) or the issues and challenges associated with it. Apparently, some ASD-related expertise is unwanted and unwelcome in this matter.

A4 will be interested to see the outcome of the group.

Bob Buckley

Convenor, Autism Aspergers Advocacy Australia (A4)

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On 27/10/2020 10:20 am, Autism Policy wrote:

Dear Mr Buckley,

Thank you for your email dated 22 October 2020.

I note that you have published my, and my Executive Assistant's, contact information on the A4 website (here) without informing us or seeking our consent. I therefore respectfully request that you remove our contact information, which includes my personal mobile phone number, as soon as possible.

With regard to the questions raised in your email, please see below responses:

- 1. Please would you provide a copy of the "email" that you say I sent? I have attached the email you sent to the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, the Hon Stuart Robert MP, on 28 September 2020.
- 2. Please could the Department ensure that in future contact via the Minister's online contact form is copied to the sender or provide an email address for the Minister so we can use our normal email processes that record communications?

Thank you for your feedback, we will pass on your suggestion.

- 3. Why is the Department excluding its one recognised autism DRO from its Expert Reference Group to implement the National Guideline for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders in Australia?

  The Expert Reference Group (the Group) has been established and membership has been finalised. The Group includes representatives from the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network of Australia and New Zealand, Autism Awareness Australia, and, as you are already aware, the Australian Autism Alliance. As mentioned in my previous correspondence to you, the Australian Autism Alliance was invited to provide a representative to the Group because it partners with a number of autism associations, including A4, and it is expected that Group representatives will consult within their networks to bring representative views to the Group to ensure the voices of people with autism are heard and inform the implementation of the Guideline.
- 4. Which of these conflicting views, that we need an Expert Reference Group to implement assessment and diagnosis guidelines or tools for assessing ASD have been used all over the world for many years, is correct?

  The Department of Social Services, through the Group, is working to understand the extent of uptake of the Guideline in each profession and across the country; the barriers to implementation; and, through a planned evaluation of Guideline implementation, the experience and outcomes for autistic people and their families and carers. In relation to whether diagnosis guidelines or tools for assessing ASD have been used all over the world for many years, the Group is not being asked to revisit the Guideline approach. The Guideline is scheduled to be reviewed by the National Health and Medical Research Council in 2023.

Regards

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**From:** Bob Buckley (A4 Convenor)

Sent: Thursday, 22 October 2020 8:42 AM

To: Autism Policy

**Cc:** ParticipantsandPerformance; Minister; Ross Joyce; Hughes, Hollie (Senator) **Subject:** Re: Response to email to Minister Robert regarding Expert Reference Group to implement the National Guideline for the Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders in Australia [SEC=OFFICIAL]

## Dear Ms Hawke

Thank you for your letter (MC20-015795, 20/10/2020).

For some reason I do not have a record of sending an email I sent to Minister Robert dated 28/9/2020. This may be because I don't have an email address for the Minister, so I may have completed his Contact Form on the DSS website. Disappointingly, this means of communication does not seem to give me a record.

I acknowledge our previous correspondence on the subject 28/8/2020 (see <a href="here">here</a>), however I am concerned that the intention of the Expert Reference Group is to "primarily be engaging with professions" and apparently excluding the autistic people and their families, the people who are most affected by ASD diagnoses.

While A4 is a member of the Australian Autism Alliance, the Minister's original letter (MS19-001385) specifically refers to the Australian Autism Alliance as being/having a network "in particular with specific service providers". And the Alliance chose its representative accordingly.

Your letter claims "the department is eager to involve people with autism in key policy and program discussions", but clearly the department does not want to include autistic representation in discussions about the assessment and diagnosis of ASD.

Autism Aspergers Advocacy Australia hereby objects formally to the exclusion of the Department's one DRO for autism from this selectively expert reference group.

Since the Department announced this Expert Reference Group, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) announced that it has created a (not independent) functional assessment scheme for NDIS applicants and participants. The NDIA CEO, in his open letter to participants, claims "the tools have been designed to assess the capability of people with disability and used all over the world for many years". This seems contrary to the need for an Expert Reference Group to review autism assessment and diagnosis.

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28/09/2020 06:01:38 PM Mr Bob Buckley 2602 convenor@a4.org.au

Expert Reference Group on Autism omitting autism Disability Representative Organisation

Dear Minister

We understand that the DSS is creating an Expert Reference Group on Autism but hasn't invited Autism Aspergers Advocacy Australia (A4), the one autism-related Disability Representative Organisation that DSS lists on it's DRO webpage (see

https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/disability-and-carers/program-services/consultation-and-advocacy/national-disability-peak-bodies), to participate.

- 1. Do you think DSS should exclude A4 from this group?
- 2. Do you think A4 cannot contribute to an Expert Reference Group on autism?

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**Date:** Tuesday, 20 October 2020 3:17:13 PM

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The Hon Scott Morrison MP Prime Minister Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

Subject: government's war on autistic Australians

I write to protest formally at the war on autistic Australians being waged by:

- Minister Robert, Minister for Government Services and the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- the Department of Social Security (DSS); and
- the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA).

Perhaps you think our claim that these people are waging a war on autistic Australians is unreasonable. Following are a few of the facts that justify this claim.

- <u>DSS sought evidence</u> that autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is over-diagnosed.
   Despite findings that ASD is not over diagnosed or exaggerated, these people keep acting as if it is. They regard clinicians and the ASD community as dishonest.
- Despite the original advice from the Productivity Commission that "from an economic perspective, the benefits of the NDIS will exceed the costs" (under the heading "the cost of doing nothing"), these people keep saying the NDIS is "unsustainable" in relation to autistic NDIS participants. They especially regard autistic people as a problem because there are many more autistic NDIS participants than were expected originally. Still, the Government needs to make a much stronger case about NDIS unsustainability than they have so far at June 2020 (full NDIS roll-out) the average committed supports for an autistic NDIS participants was \$39,777 which is well below the average of \$84,132 for a non-autistic NDIS participant. Autistic NDIS participants average less than half committed supports of other NDIS participants, but the Government officials above still considers autistic NDIS participants "unsustainable".
- NDIS policy development rejected advice that diagnoses of autistic people are increasing. Numerous sources of information, including the Australian Bureau of Statistics, showed that the number of ASD diagnoses are increasing in many parts of the world, including Australia. The NDIA's response is to

- claim this makes the NDIS "unsustainable" and to exclude more autistic people who need support from the NDIS.
- The NDIS modelling estimated that autistic participants would be 20% of NDIS participants at full NDIS roll-out. It turned out that there over 31% of NDIS participants are autistic. The people listed above, rather than recognising their original model was wrong (which resulted in temporary intake shutdowns in SA and ACT), they expect to remove 1 in 3 autistic NDIS participants from the scheme and to get the numbers down to 20% of participants. The ABS observed there were 205,200 autistic Australians in 2018 and 68% had severe or profound disability. The number increased by 26% in the 3 years 2015-18. NDIA officials want autistic NDIS participants to be just 20% of the 460,000 NDIS participants, or 92,000. This means these people want at least 83,000 autistic Australians with severe or profound disability to be denied the NDIS by 2021.
  - Note that at full roll out, the NDIS had 392,000 participants which is 14.7% short of the estimated number, so the NDIA is excluding even more people with disability than was planned.
- Like DSS's Robodebt scheme, the NDIA's newly announced function assessment scheme is discriminatory, cruel and illegal. Senior government officials believe that a high percentage of the most vulnerable Australians, especially autistic Australians, are actively rorting the NDIS. So, they created their NDIS functional assessments scheme contrary to the advice of the whole disability sector. They call it an "independent assessment" scheme, but it is not independent such naming is a tactic direct from *Yes, Minister*. There is no possibility that this scheme will deliver the results they claim or address the issue that they completely misunderstand and misrepresent; their "assessments" are intended to exclude autistic people from the NDIS, to "assess" autistic people out of the NDIS. Any genuine attempt to address issues would have used co-design.
- The NDIS tried to exclude autistic people who need "substantial support"
   (Level 2 severity) from the NDIS, see <a href="https://a4.org.au/node/1750">https://a4.org.au/node/1750</a>. Their claim that it was "an accident" is unbelievable. They broke <a href="the Minister's promise to consult over future changes">https://a4.org.au/node/1762</a>).
- DSS is preparing a new National Disability Strategy. Their Position Paper mentions "outcomes areas" in Question3 and "targeted action plans" in Question 7 but DSS officials told A4 that autistic Australians will not be an "outcomes area" or "targeted action area" no matter how bad the outcomes for autistic Australians are.
- DSS ensures that there are no advocacy services in the National Disability Advocacy Program that services autism related advocacy needs of autistic Australians, especially in relation to the NDIS (but also, health, education, employment and the legal system).

What steps will you take to cease the war these Government officials are waging on Autistic Australians?



Please note A4's unanswered questions policy. To keep it simple, this letter contains just one question.

Yours sincerely,

**Bob Buckley** 

Convenor, Autism Aspergers Advocaçy Australia.

9/10/2020

From: s22 To: s22 Cc:

RE: Nin corro 161556 [SEC=OFFICIAL] Subject: Friday, 20 November 2020 7:17:00 AM Date:

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Thanks for this - \$47C One minor comment in the link for you to address. Happy to discuss.

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## **Thanks**



From: \$22

Sent: Thursday, 19 November 2020 2:25 PM

To: \$22

Subject: FW: Nin corro 161556 [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Min corro ready for you to look over (link below). Due tomorrow.

Thanks,

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From: \$22

Sent: Friday, 13 November 2020 1:58 PM

To: \$22

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