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Dear Bob

Thank you for your email of 10 December 2020 to the Hon. Stuart Robert MP, Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, about reports of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) rejecting children seeking National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) supports who were diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) by the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Child Development Service (CDS). The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

After reviewing the four questions that you have articulated in your correspondence I recommend that you direct your inquiries on qualifications to the ACT CDS and that you contact state or territory jurisdictions for understanding which of their agencies are responsible for the provision of diagnostic services for children with ASD.

With regards to NDIS data, the [NDIS Quarterly Reports](#) provide information (including statistics) about participants in each jurisdiction and the funding or provision of supports by the NDIA in each jurisdiction. You may also like to register for additional [data and insights](#) in a range of formats including downloadable reports and spreadsheets, analysis and presentations.

You will also be aware that not all children become participants of the NDIS and may be receiving early intervention services via the Early Childhood Early Intervention gateway.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KAMcEwan". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized, with the 'K' and 'M' being particularly prominent.

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