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The Australian Government has outlined reforms to the NDIS to deliver better outcomes for people with disability, and in the process, help secure the ongoing sustainability of the Scheme.

To support these reforms, the Government announced an investment of $724.4 million over 4 years to lift the NDIA's capability, capacity and systems to better support participants.

To progress this important work, we have worked closely with the Independent Advisory Council (IAC) and Disability Representative and Carer Organisations (DRCO) to establish co-design working groups across 6 key reform areas:

- Addressing workforce capability to improve the consistency of access and planning decisions. This includes increasing the number of specialised planners.
- Processes to support participants around better planning to manage their funding.
- Implementing a lifetime planning approach so plans are more transparent and enable flexibility for life events.
- Improving the consistency of supported independent living decisions.
- Helping participants understand and access evidenced-based supports.
- Supporting staff to detect, respond to, and reduce provider fraud and non-compliance.

Ensuring we co-design reforms with people with disability and the disability community is critical to the success of the NDIS.

The DRCO and IAC will also meet jointly, quarterly to discuss the working groups' progress.

Today we have published the first reform co-design update from the quarterly Joint Meeting of the IAC and DRCO, outlining progress of the co-design work.

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