

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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**QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE**  
**(Of which some notice has been given)**

**Tuesday, 16 September 2014**

Hon Adele Farina to the Minister for Disability Services.

1. What, if any, mental health illness have been determined to be a permanent disability under the NDIS My Way trial in the lower South West?
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**I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.**

1. No predetermined mental illnesses have been classified as a permanent disability in the WA NDIS My Way model. The disability requirements to meet the eligibility criteria (in relation to psychosocial disability) are that :
  - a) the person has a disability that is attributable to one or more impairments resulting from a psychiatric condition, and
  - b) the person's impairment or impairments are, or are likely to be, permanent; and
  - c) the impairment or impairments result in substantially reduced functional capacity to undertake, or psychosocial functioning in undertaking, one or more of the following activities: communication, social interaction, learning, mobility, self-care, self-management; and
  - d) the impairment or impairments affect the person's capacity for social and economic participation; and
  - e) the person is likely to require support under WA NDIS My Way for the person's lifetime.

Confirmation of the presence of a psychiatric condition and its permanence or likelihood of permanence is most commonly provided by a psychiatrist or clinical psychologist. Consistent with Section 24 NDIS Act 2013, as with other classifications of disability, WA NDIS My Way does not determine disability based on particular diagnoses, but rather the impairment and its impact upon the person's life domains.

*Approved*  
*Minister*