

Meeting of National Cabinet

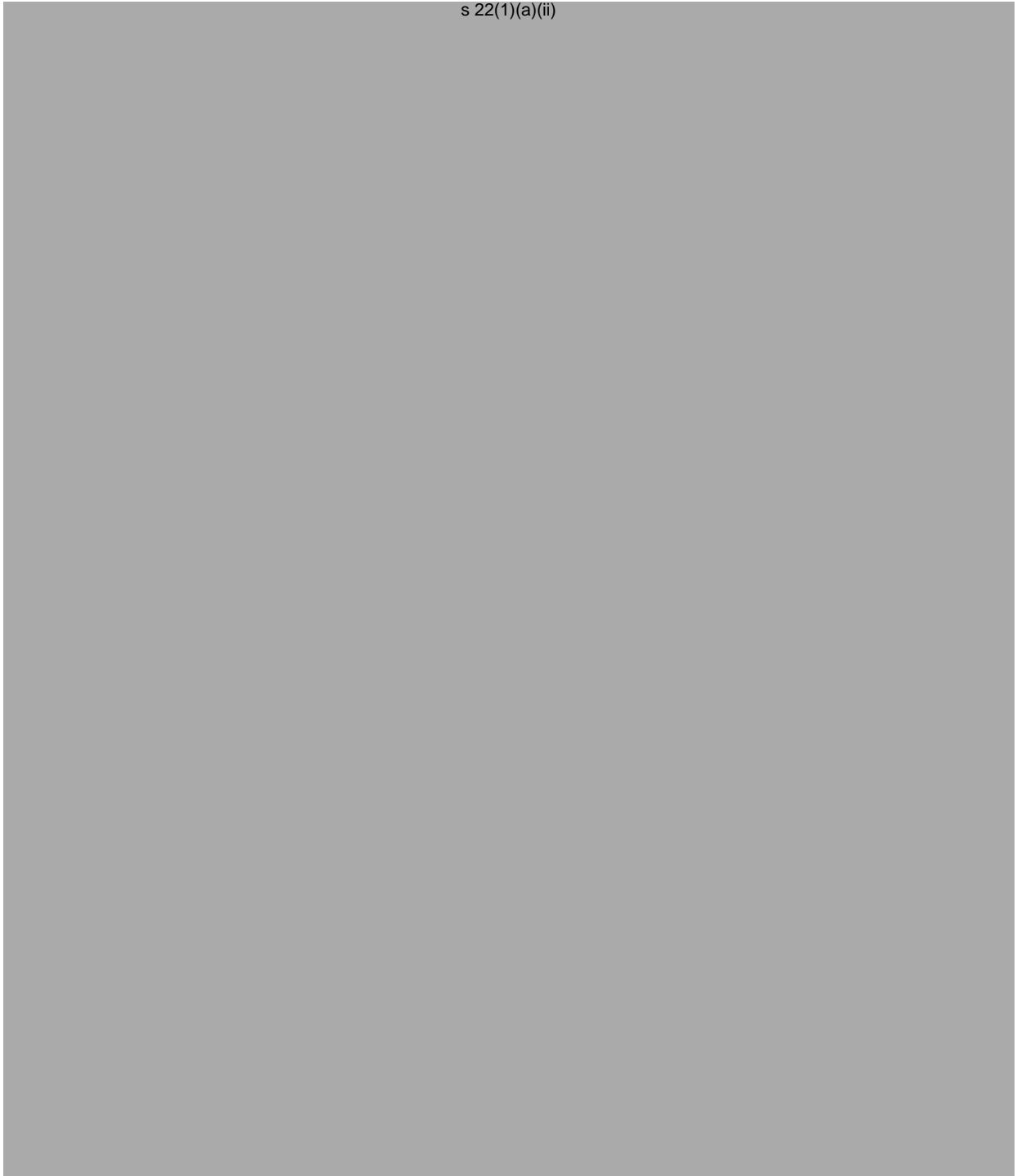
6 December 2023 – Parliament House Cabinet Room

Record of Meeting

1. Acknowledgment of Country, welcome and introduction

The Prime Minister provided an acknowledgement of country and welcomed Premiers and Chief Ministers to the meeting.

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4. NDIS Reform

National Cabinet:

- Noted the forthcoming release of the final report of the Independent NDIS Review, co-led by Professor Bruce Bonyhady AM and Ms Lisa Paul AO PSM.
- Agreed to work together to implement legislation and rule changes that respond to recommendations of the independent NDIS Review and will, over time, achieve the Financial Sustainability Framework agreed by National Cabinet in April 2023.
 - Noted an initial list of changes and correspondence from the Commonwealth Minister for the NDIS to Disability Ministers on 30 November outlining potential changes.
 - Agreed legislative and other changes to the NDIS will improve the experience of participants and restore the original intent of the Scheme to support people with permanent and significant disability, within a broader ecosystem of supports.
- Agreed to adjust state and territory NDIS contribution escalation rates, increasing from 4 per cent to be in line with actual Scheme growth, capped at 8 per cent, with the Commonwealth paying 100 per cent of any costs over 8 per cent growth, commencing from 1 July 2028.
- Agreed to jointly develop and fund additional Foundational Supports, giving consideration to the recommendations of the independent NDIS Review.
 - Development of Foundational Supports would be jointly commissioned by the Commonwealth and the states, with the work oversighted by the First Secretaries Group. Additionally, the Council of Federal Financial Relations (CFFR) will oversight costs of the reforms, and report to National Cabinet.
 - An initial tranche of legislation will be introduced into the Commonwealth Parliament in the first half of 2024, with rule changes phased in as developed.
 - The delivery of Foundational Supports would look to be delivered through existing government service settings where appropriate (e.g. childcare, schools).

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- Funding would be agreed through new Federal Funding Agreements, with additional costs split 50:50, and final details to be settled through CFFR.
- Noted the NDIS has permanently changed respective Commonwealth and state and territory roles in disability and the expectation is that service commissioning will not entail the establishment of significant new State and Territory Government bureaucracy.
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- Noted discussions with the disability community will continue over the coming months as governments work together to make the positive changes needed for people with disability.

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