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Dear Mr Turner, *Steve*

I write in response to your correspondence to The Hon. Luke Foley MLC, Leader of the Opposition, regarding NSW Labor's Disability Inclusion Policy. I note that a member of the PSA has reported to you that Labor's policy on public provision of services had changed.

At the National Disability Services (NDS) conference on February 17th a question was asked from the floor regarding the outsourcing of disability care, having reviewed a transcript of my answer I can quote it thus;

"In terms of outsourcing disability services, I think Luke [Foley] as made it very clear, that is, I think, it is an abrogation of government responsibility to completely outsource disability services".

As you can see, the information you have received was incorrect.

It is our belief that people with disabilities should make the choice as to which service provider provides their support – whether that is a Non-Government Organisation or a state service. That is our policy

NSW Labor supports the government having a continuing direct role in disability service provision. Your members provide an outstanding level of care and should have the opportunity to continue doing so into the future.

Our amendments to safeguard jobs, conditions and entitlements for your members where voted down by the government when the NDIS Enabling Bill 2013 was debated in the Legislative Council.

I appreciated your efforts to protect the rights of your members. In the future, should you receive reports from members about NSW Labor policy which concern you, please feel free to contact either myself directly or my office for advice.

Yours sincerely,

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