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FaHCSIA Responsibilities

- Payments
- Programs
- Commonwealth - State



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Henry review

- Poverty alleviation
- Incentives
- Role of services



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National Disability Agreement

- Major reform of all specific purpose payments (2008).
- Over \$6.2 billion over five years to NDA
- Priority areas include:
 - Quality Improvement based on Disability Standards;
 - Early Intervention & Prevention, Lifelong Planning & Increasing Independence & Social Participation Strategies;
 - Access to Aids and Equipment.



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National Standards

- Review of National Disability Services Standards
- Consultation period April – June 2010
- Common quality requirements



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Vision paper

- National Mental Health and Disability Employment Strategy (2009) - community discussion paper for a new vision for supported employment.
- What would better a better system of Australian Disability Enterprises look like?
- Consultation Program on the website once finalised – www.fahcsia.gov.au



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National Disability Strategy

- A national framework to drive future reforms in the disability service system, and importantly, mainstream systems
- An agreement under COAG
- National Carer Strategy



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Job Capacity Assessment

- Changes announced as part of the 2010-11 Federal Budget
- From 1 July 2011, responsibility for JCAs for Disability Support Pension (DSP) purposes will move from the DEEWR to FaHCSIA
- From 1 July 2011, all assessments will be undertaken by Centrelink with the assistance of CRS Australia
- Changes will also be made to the DSP assessment process from 1 January 2012



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Thank you

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