



2018-19 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES

Update: Younger People in Residential Aged Care

1. The number of younger people in residential aged care (YPIRAC)

As at 30 June 2018, there were around 6,043 people under the age of 65 living in residential aged care across Australia.

Since the commencement of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) on 1 July 2013, 3,404 younger people living in residential aged care have met the NDIS eligibility criteria. As of 30 June 2018:

- 3,404 have met the NDIS access criteria, with 292 having exited the Scheme; and
- 3,112 are current participants, with 2,531 having an approved NDIS plan.

A breakdown by jurisdiction is provided in the table below.

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Access met decisions made	1,934	773	390	53	165	13	52	24	3,404
Exits from the Scheme	169	73	33	3	1	0	12	1	292
Current participants	1,765	700	357	50	164	13	40	23	3,112

20.3 per cent of all plans were between annualised values of \$0 to \$100,000 and 79.7 per cent were between annualised values of \$100,000 to \$500,000.

A full NDIS statistical analysis of YPIRAC as at 30 June 2018 is provided at [Attachment A](#).

2. Update on the measures, including what has been achieved in supporting younger people moving out of residential aged care

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is working in collaboration with the Department of Health (DoH) and the Department of Social Services (DSS) to support younger people who are living in residential aged care to transition into the NDIS.

The NDIA is exploring a number of strategies with key stakeholders, including the Summer Foundation and the Younger People in Nursing Homes National Alliance, to support younger people with high support needs to identify appropriate housing options, and facilitate timely access to suitable accommodation and supports.

If an NDIS participant has identified a goal to transition into more-suitable age-appropriate accommodation, the NDIA may fund additional supports to inform and explore housing options. This can include support coordination (short-term / goal-focused support) and assessments from allied health professionals to consider the most-suitable age-appropriate housing solution to meet individual support needs.

The NDIS may provide funding for Supported Independent Living (SIL). SIL provides funding for support workers to provide assistance for individuals or groups to live as independently as possible in a variety of support models.

The NDIS may also consider eligibility for funding Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA). SDA is specialised housing designed to support people with extreme functional impairment or very high support needs, where these needs are unlikely to be met through reasonable adjustment in, for example, social housing or private rental. SDA does not refer to the support services, but the homes in which these are delivered. SDA may include specialist designs for people with very high needs or may have a location or features that make it suitable for providing complex or costly supports for independent living.

The NDIA is establishing a mechanism for timely consideration of SDA funding including for those participants who are current residents of aged care who are yet to receive an SDA offer. The NDIA is aware of 22 participants who were identified by DoH as living in residential aged care, and who are no longer living in residential aged care and have SDA funding in their plans.

In relation to community or social housing, these two options continue to be the responsibility of each state and territory government.

3. Tasmania's SDA

Phasing rules for transition to the NDIS in Tasmania, as per the bilateral agreement, were amended in 2017 to enable eligible younger people to exit their aged care facilities into more appropriate SDA earlier than planned.

The Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services has funded a model designed to reduce the risk of younger people entering residential aged care through funding the development of a five bedroom property in Devonport, Tasmania. The property has been completed and three of the five rooms are occupied.

Four participants had been offered accommodation, however one participant withdrew prior to moving in. Two of the three residents have moved into the property from an aged care facility with the third moving from their family home. A fourth NDIS participant has recently been offered accommodation and is due to move into the property from an aged care facility within the next two weeks.

The NDIA has encouraged participants to invite relevant members of their support networks to these planning appointments. Also in attendance during these meetings is an Occupational Therapist from the Tasmanian Government. A fifth NDIS participant's application to move into this property is currently being assessed.

4. Funding of additional personal care support for a YPIRAC

The DSS, DOH and NDIA have been working together to clarify how the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* and the ACA work together to ensure a participant's needs are met, supporting the provisions of both Acts.

5. Royal Commission into the Aged Care Sector

The announcement by the Prime Minister on Sunday, 16 September 2018 to establish a Royal Commission into the Aged Care Sector will include younger Australians with disabilities living in residential aged care setting. The NDIA will support the work of the Commission, and will use the outcomes of the Commission's Report to inform transition planning through the NDIS.

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME STATISTICAL INFORMATION AS AT 30 JUNE 2018¹

Table 1: Cumulative Intake into and exit from the Scheme as at 30 June 2018, by State/Territory

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Access met decisions made	1,934	773	390	53	165	13	52	24	3,404
Exits from the Scheme	169	73	33	3	1	0	12	1	292
Current participants	1,765	700	357	50	164	13	40	23	3,112

Table 2: Persons determined to be ineligible for the Scheme as at 30 June 2018, by State/Territory

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Ineligible	119	47	16	1	17	0	3	1	204

Table 3: Active Participants as at 30 June 2018, by State/Territory, by Age Group (With or without an approved plan)

Age Group	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
19 to 24	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
25 to 34	16	6	3	0	2	3	0	0	30
35 to 44	39	38	16	0	7	3	0	1	104
45 to 54	299	150	64	12	31	6	3	2	567
55 to 64	1,170	428	229	27	112	1	26	18	2,011
65+	239	78	45	11	12	0	11	2	398
Total	1,765	700	357	50	164	13	40	23	3,112

¹ Data in this section was provided by the National Disability Insurance Agency. The statistics in this section are based on data extracted from the NDIS Data Warehouse on 30 June 2018. Future extracts of these data are subject to change.

The Department of Health periodically provides the National Disability Insurance Agency with information on people aged under 65 who are in receipt of Permanent Residential Aged Care. The most recent data exchange was on 23 February 2018. The statistics in this section are concerned with potential participants and participants who were identified through that data exchange, or who have been identified by NDIA planners as being in permanent residential aged care.

- There may have been younger people with disabilities receiving permanent residential aged care on 31 March 2018 who were not part of the February 2018 data match. These people have been included in the statistics reported in this paper, where their residential care status was identified independently in the planning process.
- Some of the young people included in the February 2018 data match may no longer have been in permanent residential aged care on 30 June 2018. These people are included in the statistics reported in this paper where they have had their eligibility for the NDIS assessed.

Table 4: Active Participants with an approved plan as at 30 June 2018, by State/Territory, by Age Group and by Disability Group

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Age Group									
19 to 24	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
25 to 34	15	6	3	0	0	3	0	0	27
35 to 44	38	28	8	0	3	0	0	0	77
45 to 54	278	112	41	5	13	1	2	1	453
55 to 64	1,078	302	165	16	34	0	23	7	1,625
65+	216	68	38	7	6	0	11	1	347
Total	1,627	516	255	28	56	4	36	9	2,531
Disability Group									
Intellectual/Learning									
Autism	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	14
Developmental Delay	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Down Syndrome	39	19	1	0	2	0	0	0	61
Global Developmental Delay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intellectual Disability	202	74	49	3	15	0	4	0	347
Physical									
ABI	280	124	40	0	9	1	8	1	463
Cerebral Palsy	33	18	7	1	3	0	1	0	63
Multiple Sclerosis	66	47	13	1	4	0	2	1	134
Spinal Cord Injury	15	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	29
Stroke	226	43	35	8	8	0	7	3	330
Other Neurological	502	117	63	10	8	2	10	4	716
Other Physical	74	22	12	1	2	1	2	0	114
Psychosocial Disability	162	31	25	4	2	0	1	0	225
Sensory/Speech									
Hearing Impairment	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
Visual Impairment	16	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	23
Other Sensory/Speech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Total	1,627	516	255	28	56	4	36	9	2,531

Table 5: Amounts included in participant plans as at 30 June 2018

Annualised Value of Plan	Number of Plans	Percent
Under \$5,000	3	0.1%
\$5,000 to \$10,000	8	0.3%
\$10,000 to \$20,000	27	1.1%
\$20,000 to \$50,000	122	4.8%
\$50,000 to \$100,000	386	15.3%
\$100,000 to \$150,000	1,577	62.3%
\$150,000 to \$200,000	311	12.3%
\$200,000 to \$250,000	59	2.3%
\$250,000 to \$500,000	37	1.5%
Over \$500,000	1	0.0%
All plans	2,531	100.0%