

**Senate Community Affairs References Committee**  
**Barriers to consistent, timely and best practice assessment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and support services for people with ADHD**

Public Hearing – 29 June 2023  
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE  
National Disability Insurance Agency

**Topic:** Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder - Plan Utilisation

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**Question asked by:** Jordon Steele-John

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**Question:**

Mr McNaughton: I can, Senator. Of all participants who have ADHD as either their primary or secondary disability, the average annualised committed supports in their plan, so their average plan value, is \$68,021. If ADHD is the primary disability, the average is \$35,532. And if it's not the primary disability, the average is \$69,327.

Senator Steele-John: Okay.

Mr McNaughton: And just to balance that off, Senator, against the entire scheme the average committed supports at the moment is \$74,421.

Senator Steele-John: Okay. I don't suppose you would have the utilisation rates for those plans?

Mr McNaughton: You've got me on that one, Senator, but I'll see if I can get that through the course of the hearing for you

**Answer:**

As at 31 March 2023, National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) as their primary or secondary disability and who had payments in relation to the supports provided from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022, their utilisation rate was 76.2% (80.6% and 76.1% respectively).

However, at 31 March 2023, NDIS structured data captured 69% of active NDIS participants with secondary disability not recorded. As such, it is difficult to make inferences about NDIS participant experience as the available secondary disability information may not be representative of the Scheme.

Total annualised committed supports, or NDIS plan utilisation, refer to support in the current plans of active NDIS participants at 31 March 2023, with either ADHD as their primary disability and/or secondary disability. Total annualised committed supports and utilisation are calculated based on different exposure periods and hence are not multipliable.