

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

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
National Disability Insurance Agency

Topic: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder – Primary/Secondary Disability

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Question:

Senator Steele-John: Alright. Do we have any more data beyond if it's neither a primary—for instance, earlier today we had evidence from a witness who has cerebral palsy, a psychosocial disability, they're autistic and they have ADHD. So just across that there are more than two disabilities, so I'm wondering if we have any data on the number of participants who have ADHD, but it is neither their primary nor their secondary disability.

Mr McNaughton: I don't believe there are more out of the numbers I've given you but let me come back on notice with that. Of course, it also might depend on if we've been advised of that. So that's not to say there aren't other participants in the 590,000 who have ADHD but just haven't advised us of that.

Answer:

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) does not hold structured data beyond what is recorded as primary and secondary disabilities. Approximately 30% of all National Disability Insurance Scheme participants have secondary disabilities formally included in the structured data, however it is possible that there are additional participants with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder that are not captured within this data.