

In relation to wait times and costs associated with assessments to access the NDIS question taken on notice.

In the last few weeks when staff have attempted to organise private providers to complete OT assessments to support an NDIS access application. Multiple services who we have previously used have said they cannot take on any more referrals currently, others have identified over a 6month wait to access their service for an assessment.

In terms of costs associated with assessments to access the NDIS, recent quotes associate with Occupational Therapy have been between \$1141 – \$3872 for an assessment report to attempt to access the NDIS. Recent neuropsychology assessment quotes have been between \$2800 - \$3287

A service provider has identified a rate of \$234.83/hour for 14 hours, only 3 of which is the actual face to face clinical interview and assessment time. The rest of the time being report writing, non-face to face billable hours identified as clinical management, case formulation reading of files, reports, medical information and quality assurance time.