

Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

National Disability Insurance Agency

Topic: Participant Eligibility Reassessments

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Question:

Ms PAYNE: How many participants have been reassessed for NDIS eligibility in the last quarter and how does that compare with previous quarters?

Ms Johnson: In terms of eligibility reassessments, I will have to take on notice those specific figures for the last quarter. From memory, though, there hasn't been a significant increase in non-mortality exits in the last quarter; in fact, I think the figure was slightly lower this quarter than in previous quarters.

Ms PAYNE: Thank you. I'll leave it there, Chair.

Answer:

The term 'Eligibility Reassessments' (ER) refers to the process where checks are made to ensure that a person continues to meet the eligibility criteria to be a participant in the NDIS. Participants who have accessed the Scheme via Early Intervention may not need the Scheme for their entire lifetime and it is appropriate to consider whether these participants remain eligible on an ongoing basis.

In the December 2021 quarter, there were 6,090 eligibility reassessments completed, compared to 8,811 in the September 2021 quarter. On average, 21% of the reassessments in the December 2021 quarter resulted in an exit from the Scheme, with 52% of reassessments resulting in no change to eligibility status.

A further 26% remained eligible to stay in the Scheme but had their 'access status' changed. People can enter the Scheme via s24 of the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* (NDIS Act) (permanent disability) or via s25 of the NDIS Act (Early Intervention). In the December 2021 quarter, 1% of the ERs converted access entry from s24 from s25 and 25% converted from s25 to s24.

This compares to the September 2021 quarter, with a 26% exit rate, 53% no change to status and 21% access status change.

Exits as a result of eligibility re-assessments, reported as an annualised percentage of all NDIS participants, were 0.89% in December 2021, compared to 0.77% in September 2021.

The table below shows the Eligibility Reassessments outcomes over the last six quarters.

Quarter End	Number of completed eligibility reassessments
Sep-20	2,445
Dec-20	2,680
Mar-21	4,323
Jun-21	2,808
Sep-21	8,811
Dec-21	6,090