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Senator Rachel Siewert asked:

Could you provide the numbers of people who have mental illness, where we are at and the number of people that are already on it?

Answer:

At full scheme in 2019-20, the Productivity Commission estimated that of the 460,000 people expected to meet the requirements for National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) support, around 64,000 (13.9 per cent) will be participants with a primary psychosocial disability.

At 30 June 2016, 3,165 scheme participants had a psychosocial disability. The overall estimates of NDIS clients with psychosocial disability from the NDIS trial period tracked close to the Productivity Commission forecast, at around 12.2 per cent and 14.2 per cent in New South Wales (Hunter) and Victoria (Barwon) respectively.