

Key Data on Psychosocial Disability and the NDIS - as at 31 December 2017

- The *Productivity Commission Inquiry into Disability Care and Support* estimated that 411,250 people who would meet the access requirements for Tier 3 funded supports in 2011-12. Further, the Productivity Commission estimated that approximately 56,880 people would be participants with a significant and enduring primary psychosocial disability (13.8%). In 2019-20 the number of expected participants in the NDIS is approximately 460,000 of which approximately 64,000 participants are estimated to be participants with a significant and enduring primary psychosocial disability (13.9%).
- Across all States/Territories 23,232 (14.2%) of all scheme participants who have had their access met have a psychosocial disability, and 11,926 participants (7.3%) have psychosocial disability recorded as their primary disability (an increase from 9,761 participants (6.8%) with a primary psychosocial disability at 30 September 2017). Of these participants, 22,824 are active participants with a psychosocial disability (14.3%) and 11,651 are active participants with a primary psychosocial disability (7.3%).¹ Note, these numbers need to be treated with caution as NDIS States/Territories currently support specific age cohorts (for example, South Australia for 0-17 year olds across all regions, and Tasmania for young people aged 4-34 years) or regions and not all phasing is complete.
- In New South Wales and Victoria the proportion of participants with a primary psychosocial disability is 6.5% and 11.6% respectively. In the Australian Capital Territory, Western Australian, Queensland and the Northern Territory, it is 13.2%, 7.6%, 7.6% and 7.5% respectively. Note: these numbers are impacted by the phasing schedule of transition participants entering the scheme and differ when only the trial site locations are considered, most significantly in the New South Wales-Hunter and Victoria-Barwon trial site locations being 12.8% and 13.6% respectively.
- The current prevalence rates of people with a psychosocial disability differs significantly between state/territory regions. For participants aged 25 to 44 years, the trial site regions prevalence rates are lowest in North East Perth and highest in Barwon. The prevalence rate is higher for participants aged 45 to 64 years in each trial site compared with other age groups. Comparing across state/territory regions that include the trial site locations, it is lowest in North East Perth, and highest in Barwon. Once again these numbers should be treated with caution as psychosocial disability has only recently commenced being phased into any state region areas outside of the trial site LGAs, and potential participants continue to approach the scheme. Further, existing support arrangements and the demographics of the different geographical areas also play a part.
- 9,007 (77%) active participants with a primary psychosocial disability currently have an approved plan, compared to 7,502 (79%) participants at 30 September 2017.
- 74% (compared with 77% in September 2017) of participants with a psychosocial disability with an access decision made have been found to meet the access requirements for the scheme. This varies between states/territories and is higher in Victoria at 82%.

¹ Active participants are participants who have not exited the scheme.

Attachment A

- Across all States/Territories, \$722.0 million (5.9%) of approved committed supports is for participants with a primary psychosocial disability, and a total of \$1,635.5 million (13.4%) is for participants with any psychosocial disability. Note: this committed support spans different periods of time for different participants, depending on when the participant first entered the scheme.
- Participants with a primary psychosocial disability have a range of package values, with most participants (59%) receiving between \$20,000 and \$100,000.
- Considering New South Wales, Victoria, the Australian Capital Territory, Western Australia and Queensland only, 71% of supports approved for participants with a primary psychosocial disability who have an approved plan is committed for core support (both daily activities and community participation). 8% has been committed for capacity building - support coordination, 7% to capacity building – daily activities, and 4% to capacity building – social and civic participation. Victoria also has a higher proportion committed to capacity building - employment. Note: capacity building makes up around 24% of committed support for participants with a primary psychosocial disability.

- Tables and figures presented in the December 2017 quarterly report to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Disability Reform Council (DRC) for participants with a primary psychosocial disability are shown below.

Table 1.6 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2017-18 Q2		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	7,516	7%	1,491	7%	9,007	7%
Total	110,502	100%	19,953	100%	130,455	100%

Figure 2.4 Average committed support by primary disability group (excluding participants with shared supported accommodation supports) – active participants with first plan approvals in 2017-18 Q2 compared with active participants with first plan approvals in prior quarters

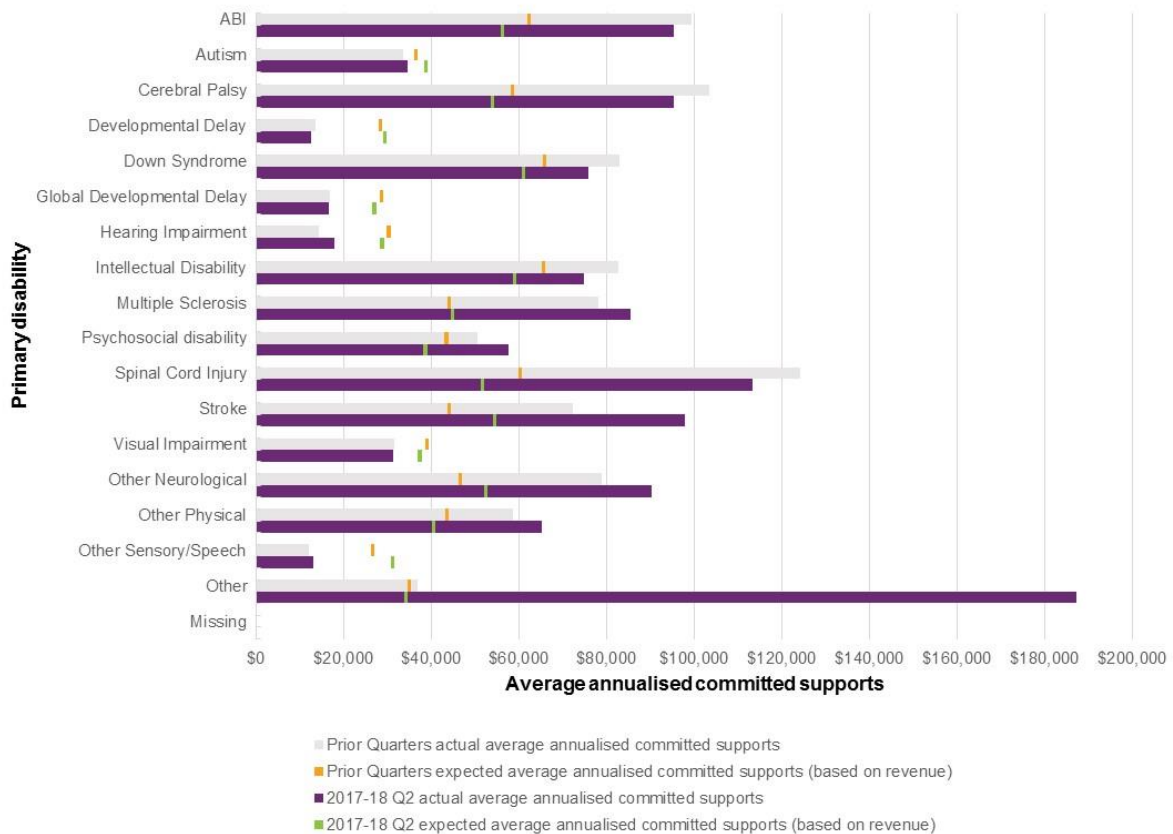


Table C.7 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - NSW

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2017-18 Q2		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	3,742	7%	650	8%	4,392	7%
Total	57,551	100%	8,045	100%	65,596	100%

Table D.7 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - VIC

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2017-18 Q2		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	1,943	11%	532	8%	2,475	10%
Total	18,458	100%	6,283	100%	24,741	100%

Table E.7 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - QLD

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2017-18 Q2		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	663	7%	240	8%	903	7%
Total	9,101	100%	3,117	100%	12,218	100%

Table F.7 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - WA

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2017-18 Q2		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	296	8%	9	12%	305	8%
Total	3,908	100%	75	100%	3,983	100%

Table G.7 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - SA

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2017-18 Q2		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	49	0%	30	2%	79	1%
Total	188	1%	1	0%	189	1%

Table H.1 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - TAS

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2017-18 Q2		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	59	2%	4	1%	63	2%
Total	2,496	100%	445	100%	2,941	100%

Table I.7 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - ACT

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2017-18 Q2		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	746	13%	16	12%	762	13%
Total	5,918	100%	139	100%	6,057	100%

Table J.7 Active participants with approved plans per quarter by disability group - NT

Disability group	Prior Quarters		2017-18 Q2		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Psychosocial disability	18	3%	10	9%	28	4%
Total	531	100%	114	100%	645	100%