



Plan for the NDIS	
Party:	Australian Labor Party
<p>Summary of proposal:</p> <p>The proposal would seek to outline a plan for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The proposal has 4 components.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Component 1</b> would provide \$15 million for a National Disability Research Partnership and consider continued support for a National Disability Data Asset to ensure future changes to the NDIS are based on proper evidence.</li><li>• <b>Component 2</b> would double existing support for individual and systemic advocacy with an additional \$10 million over four years to address systemic abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and support to navigate services. Labor will match additional funding for NDIS Appeals providers to cope with numbers of Administrative Appeals Tribunal cases.</li><li>• <b>Component 3</b> would improve disability access in the community by ensuring there are enough 'Changing Places' – disability toilets for people with high support needs – available across the country. Labor will offer a third of the funding required to build a facility in each of the 400 Local Government Areas currently without one.</li><li>• <b>Component 4</b> would pause the current changes to Supported Independent Living.</li></ul> <p>The proposal would take effect from 1 July 2022.</p>	

## Costing overview

The proposal would be expected to decrease the fiscal and underlying cash balance by around \$33.2 million over the 2022-23 Budget forward estimates period. This is predominantly driven by increases in administered expenses, with small departmental expenses also present for Components 2 and 3.

Component 1 is expected to have a net zero impact on the Budget. This is due to the financial implications being captured within the Budget baseline.

Component 4 would be expected to have an expense impact; however, the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has determined that this component is unquantifiable due to limited availability of data and significant uncertainty surrounding the tangibility of consequences concerning this component.

The proposal would have an impact beyond the 2022-23 Budget forward estimates period. A breakdown of the financial implications (including a separate PDI table) over the period to 2032-33 is provided at Attachment A.

**Table 1: Financial implications (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)(c)</sup>**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	<b>Total to 2025-26</b>
Fiscal balance	-8.3	-8.3	-8.3	-8.3	<b>-33.2</b>
Underlying cash balance	-8.3	-8.3	-8.3	-8.3	<b>-33.2</b>

(a) A positive number represents an increase in the relevant budget balance; a negative number represents a decrease.

(b) PDI impacts are not included in the totals.

(c) Unquantifiable impacts are not included in totals.

## Key assumptions

The PBO has made the following assumptions in costing this proposal.

For Component 3:

- the average cost per Changing Places toilet (to which the Australian Government would contribute one third) is assumed to be around \$160,000.
- the building of the 400 toilets would be evenly distributed over the period 2022-23 to 2025-26.

## Methodology

### Component 1 - National Disability Research Partnership and National Disability Data Asset

- Impact on the Budget was negated to nil as the Budget baseline accounts for this component.

### Component 2 - \$10 million over four years to address systemic abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and support to navigate services.

- The funding for this component is the amount specified by the requestor. The PBO has not assessed whether the amount proposed would be sufficient to meet the parameters of the component.
- The Department of Finance departmental cost calculator was used to calculate the proportions of the total funding amount which denote departmental and administered funding.

### Component 3 - Improve disability access in the community by ensuring there are enough 'Changing Places'

- Cost estimates are the number of toilets to be built each year multiplied by the one-third of the average cost to build a 'Changing Places' toilet.
- The Department of Finance departmental cost calculator was used to calculate the proportions of the total funding amount which denote departmental and administered funding.

Financial implications were rounded consistent with the PBO's rounding rules as outlined on the PBO Costings and budget information webpage.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [https://www.apb.gov.au/About\\_Parliament/Parliamentary\\_Departments/Parliamentary\\_Budget\\_Office/Costings\\_and\\_budget\\_information](https://www.apb.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Budget_Office/Costings_and_budget_information)

## Data sources

The Department of Finance departmental cost calculator.

Changing Places, *Changing Places design specifications 2020*. <https://changingplaces.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Changing-Places-design-specifications-2020-1.pdf>

## Attachment A – Plan for the NDIS – financial implications

**Table A1: Plan for the NDIS – Fiscal and underlying cash balance (\$m)<sup>(a)</sup>**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	Total to 2025-26	Total to 2032-33
<b>Expenses</b>													
<b>Administered</b>													
<i>\$15 million for a National Disability Research Partnership and support for a National Disability Data Asset</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Double existing support for individual and systemic advocacy</i>	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5	-2.6	-2.6	-2.7	-2.8	-2.8	-2.9	-3.0	-10.0	-29.4
<i>Improved access to 'Changing Places'</i>	-5.4	-5.4	-5.4	-5.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-21.6	-21.6
<i>Pause the current changes to Supported Independent Living</i>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Total – administered</b>	<b>-7.9</b>	<b>-7.9</b>	<b>-7.9</b>	<b>-7.9</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>-31.6</b>	<b>-51.0</b>
<b>Departmental</b>													
<i>Double existing support for individual and systemic advocacy</i>	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-1.1
<i>Improved access to 'Changing Places'</i>	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.2	-1.2
<b>Total – departmental</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
<b>Total – expenses</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-33.2</b>	<b>-53.3</b>
<b>Total (excluding PDI)</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>-2.9</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-33.2</b>	<b>-53.3</b>

(a) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

\* Unquantifiable – not included in totals.

- Indicates nil.

**Table A2: Plan for the NDIS – Memorandum item: Public Debt Interest (PDI) impacts – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)</sup>**

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	Total to 2025-26	Total to 2032-33
<i>Fiscal balance</i>	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	-0.7	-0.8	-0.9	-1.0	-1.1	-1.3	-1.4	-1.6	-1.6	-9.7
<i>Underlying cash balance</i>	-0.1	-0.3	-0.5	-0.7	-0.8	-0.9	-1.0	-1.1	-1.2	-1.4	-1.6	-1.6	-9.6

- (a) As this table is presented as a memorandum item, these figures are not reflected in the totals in any tables above. This is consistent with the approach taken in the budget where the budget impact of most measures is presented excluding the impact on PDI. If the reader would like a complete picture of the total aggregate, then these figures would need to be added to the figures above. For further information on government borrowing and financing please refer to the PBO's online budget glossary<sup>2</sup>.
- (b) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

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<sup>2</sup> [Online budget glossary – Parliament of Australia \(aph.gov.au\)](https://aph.gov.au)