



2018-19 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES

Update: Younger People in Residential Aged Care

1. The number of younger people in residential aged care (YPIRAC)

As at 30 September 2018, the Department of Health (DoH) reported that 5,905 people under the age of 65 were living in residential aged care across Australia.

Since the commencement of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) on 1 July 2013, 4,843 YPIRAC have met the NDIS eligibility criteria. As at 31 December 2018:

- 4,843 have met the NDIS access criteria, with 648 having exited the NDIS; and
- 4,195 are current participants (3,493 under 65), with 3,626 having an approved NDIS plan (2,988 under 65).

A breakdown by jurisdiction is provided in the table below.

Table 1: Cumulative Intake into and exit from the Scheme as at 31 December 2018, by State/Territory

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Access met decision made	2,356	1,162	858	86	260	25	61	35	4,843
Exits from the Scheme	313	183	107	10	22	0	12	1	648
Current participants	2,043	979	751	76	238	25	49	34	4,195

11 per cent of all active approved plans were between annualised values of \$0 to \$100,000 and 89 per cent were between annualised values of \$100,000 to \$500,000.

A full NDIS statistical analysis of YPIRAC as at 31 December 2018 is provided at [Attachment A](#).

2. Update on the measures, including what has been achieved in supporting younger people moving out of residential aged care

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is working in collaboration with DoH and the Department of Social Services (DSS) to support YPIRAC to transition into the NDIS.

The NDIA is exploring a number of strategies with key stakeholders, including the Summer Foundation and the Younger People in Nursing Homes National Alliance, to support younger people with high support needs to identify appropriate housing options, and facilitate timely access to suitable accommodation and supports.

If an NDIS participant has identified a goal to transition into more suitable age appropriate accommodation, the NDIA may fund additional supports to inform and explore housing options. This can include support coordination (short-term/goal-focused support) and assessments from allied health professionals to consider the most suitable age appropriate housing option to meet individual support needs.

The NDIS may consider eligibility for funding Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA). SDA is specialised housing designed to support people with extreme functional impairment or very high support needs, where these needs are unlikely to be met through reasonable adjustment in, for example, social housing or private rental. SDA does not refer to the support services, but the homes in which these are delivered. SDA may include specialist designs for people with very high needs or may have a location or features that make it suitable for providing complex or costly supports for independent living.

The NDIA has established an SDA panel to ensure timely consideration of SDA funding. Younger people in aged care will receive priority assessment by the SDA panel.

The Government's recent response to the *2018 Review of the Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) Pricing and Payment Framework* includes reforms that will improve choice and control for participants and build market confidence to invest in SDA, which will have positive impacts for SDA eligible YPIRAC who wish to leave aged care.

The NDIS may provide funding for Supported Independent Living (SIL). SIL provides funding for support workers to provide assistance for individuals or groups to live as independently as possible in a variety of support models.

In relation to community or social housing, these two options continue to be the responsibility of each state and territory government.

Complex Support Needs Pathway

The NDIA has committed to and developed a new pathway for NDIS participants who have been identified as having complex support needs. On 30 May 2018, the NDIA Board endorsed the design of the NDIS Complex Support Needs Pathway.

The complex pathways sits within the NDIA's new Complex Support Needs Branch and is resourced with specialist planners to work with participants with complex support needs. YPIRAC who are identified with complex support needs are being assigned to a specialist planner with expertise across a number of areas, including aged care.

The pathway has been designed to provide more targeted support to those with the most complex support requirements. This includes working closely with mainstream systems to ensure disability supports reflect the goals of the participants, their families and carers.

Royal Commission into the Aged Care Sector

The Royal Commission into the Aged Care Sector announced by the Prime Minister on 16 September 2018 will include younger Australians with disabilities living in residential aged care settings. The NDIA will support the work of the Royal Commission and will use the outcomes of the Commission's Report to inform transition planning through the NDIS.

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME STATISTICAL INFORMATION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018¹**Table 2: Cumulative Intake into and exit from the Scheme as at 31 December 2018, by State/Territory**

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Access met decision made	2,356	1,162	858	86	260	25	61	35	4,843
Exits from the Scheme	313	183	107	10	22	0	12	1	648
Current participants	2,043	979	751	76	238	25	49	34	4,195

Table 3: Persons determined to be ineligible for the Scheme as at 31 December 2018, by State/Territory

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Ineligible	132	64	35	1	21	0	3	1	257

Table 4: Active Participants as at 31 December 2018, by State/Territory, by Age Group (With or without an approved plan)

Age group	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
19 to 24	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
25 to 34	14	5	5	2	1	2	0	0	29
35 to 44	48	44	28	2	10	5	0	1	138
45 to 54	316	209	131	14	38	11	3	5	727
55 to 64	1,252	591	491	45	160	7	26	24	2,596
65+	410	130	96	13	29	0	20	4	702
Total	2,043	979	751	76	238	25	49	34	4,195

Table 5: Active Participants with an approved plan as at 31 December 2018, by State/Territory, by age group

Age group	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
19 to 24	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
25 to 34	14	5	4	0	0	2	0	0	25
35 to 44	47	34	20	0	6	4	0	1	112
45 to 54	313	175	106	4	26	9	3	5	641
55 to 64	1,203	464	385	22	87	4	24	18	2,207
65+	394	116	82	8	17	0	20	1	638
Total	1,974	794	597	34	136	19	47	25	3,626

¹ Data in this section was provided by the National Disability Insurance Agency. The statistics in this section are based on data extracted from the NDIS Data Warehouse on 31 December 2018. Future extracts of these data are subject to change.

The Department of Health periodically provides the National Disability Insurance Agency with information on people aged under 65 who are in receipt of Permanent Residential Aged Care. The most recent data exchange was on 10 January 2019. The statistics in this section are concerned with potential participants and participants who were identified through that data exchange, or who have been identified by NDIA planners as being in permanent residential aged care.

- There may have been younger people with disabilities receiving permanent residential aged care on 30 September 2018 who were not part of the 10 January 2019 data match. These people have been included in the statistics reported in this paper, where their residential care status was identified independently in the planning process.
- Some of the young people included in the 10 January 2019 data match may no longer have been in permanent residential aged care on 30 September 2018. These people are included in the statistics reported in this paper where they have had their eligibility for the NDIS assessed.

Table 6: Active Participants with an approved plan as at 31 December 2018, by State/Territory, by disability group

Disability group	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Australia
Intellectual/Learning									
Autism	8	8	2	0	1	0	0	0	19
Developmental Delay	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Down Syndrome	46	24	16	0	5	1	1	0	93
Global Developmental Delay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intellectual Disability	217	117	105	4	26	3	4	0	476
Physical									
ABI	330	187	96	1	15	3	10	3	645
Cerebral Palsy	41	30	17	0	5	2	0	0	95
Multiple Sclerosis	77	60	21	2	10	1	4	2	177
Spinal Cord Injury	24	20	6	0	2	0	0	3	55
Stroke	280	66	80	7	15	1	9	6	464
Other Neurological	612	183	159	14	37	7	11	8	1,031
Other Physical	90	37	28	3	9	1	4	0	172
Psychosocial Disability	218	54	62	3	8	0	3	1	349
Sensory/Speech									
Hearing Impairment	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	5
Visual Impairment	22	5	4	0	2	0	0	1	34
Other Sensory/Speech	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	10
Total	1,974	794	597	34	136	19	47	25	3,626

Table 7: Amounts included in participant plans as at 31 December 2018

Annualised value of plan	Number of plans	Percent
Under \$5,000	11	0%
\$5,000 to \$10,000	4	0%
\$10,000 to \$20,000	22	1%
\$20,000 to \$50,000	73	2%
\$50,000 to \$100,000	294	8%
\$100,000 to \$150,000	2,472	68%
\$150,000 to \$200,000	601	17%
\$200,000 to \$250,000	85	2%
\$250,000 to \$500,000	61	2%
Over \$500,000	3	0%
All plans	3,626	100%