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# NDIA External Research Requests Summary Log Between 1 July 2021 – 1 December 2022

Below is the list of approved external research requests including requests for access to tailored data approved to 1 December 2022.

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Date of request	Project title	Research objectives	Requesting organisation	Proposed research impacts
04/08/2021	The impact of government support schemes on autism spectrum disorder (ASD) prevalence in Australia	This research will model the prevalence of ASD in Australia and the trajectories of function for those with ASD receiving current government supports via the NDIS.	University of New South Wales	This research will contribute new results on the efficacy of specific interventions with potential to improve the quality of participants' plans as well as their economic and social outcomes.
10/08/2021	Provision of physiotherapy services in the NDIS	APA undertook research into physiotherapy services across Australia to identify strengths and gaps in access, workforce and services provision.	Australian Physiotherapy Association	The findings will inform APA's advocacy and policy work in the disability sector to improve outcomes for people with disability.
6/09/2021	Demographic Data – Down Syndrome	To examine the demographic profile of participants with Down Syndrome.	Down Syndrome Australia (DSA)	<p>The research findings will assist DSA to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand the uptake and demand of NDIS services by participants with Down Syndrome; and</li> <li>develop appropriate programs and supports for participants, their families and carers.</li> </ul>
13/09/2021	Mental health services in Australia ( <a href="#">AIHW online publication</a> )	AIHW undertook research into the activity and characteristics of Australia's health care and social care services accessed by people with a mental illness (including NDIS participants).	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)	The research findings in the online publication will inform disability and related policy development.

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17/09/2021	Deaf Services Data Scoping Agenda	To understand how many Auslan users access the Scheme.	Deaf Services	The research findings will assist Deaf Services to design programs for the deaf community.
7/10/2021	Department of Education, Skills and Employment – Review of the National Disability Coordination Officer Program	To review the National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) Program and to better understand the support needs of students with disability transitioning to tertiary education and subsequent employment.	ORIMA Research (on behalf of the Department of Education, Skills and Employment)	The information from this research will be used to help inform future government support for students with disability transitioning to tertiary education and subsequent employment.
14/10/2021	Adjudicating rights for a sustainable National Disability Insurance Scheme	To examine how rights to reasonable and necessary support in the NDIS are interpreted and administered and the fairness effects.	Griffith University	The findings will contribute to the Agency’s ongoing policy work in relation to ‘Decision-making for access and planning’.
23/11/2021	Understanding the housing type and distribution of Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) in Australia in relation to community amenity	This research aims to understand the locations of SDA throughout Australia (as aggregated maps of density in postcodes, Local Government Areas across rural and metropolitan areas) and how these locations relate to proximity to amenity and infrastructure.	The University of Technology Sydney	This understanding will enable people with disability and their families to make more informed decisions about the pathways to SDA housing that work best for them, whilst also providing community housing providers and service providers with useful information to plan and strategise their services.

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10/11/2021	<p>Mental Health Service Mapping against the National Mental Health Service Planning Framework (NMHSPF) for Indigenous Population in South-East Queensland project (ISEQ-NMHSPF)</p>	<p>This study involved mapping current mental health service provision against the NMHSPF estimates for optimal service delivery for First Nations Peoples in South-East Queensland.</p>	<p>University of Queensland</p>	<p>The research will assist in developing a comprehensive understanding of current access and gaps in services.</p>
16/11/2021	<p>To report on the number of children who are receiving early childhood intervention supports through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) or with an approved NDIS plan before entering school</p>	<p>The Council sought NDIS data for the purpose of reporting on the number of South Australian children who are receiving early childhood intervention supports through the NDIS or with approved NDIS plans before entering school.</p>	<p>The Child Development Council of South Australia</p>	<p>The findings will be used to report on and advise the South Australian Government on the outcomes of South Australian children over time and where improvements can be made.</p>
18/01/2021	<p>Culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) people with disability in regions</p>	<p>To gain insights into the numbers of people with disability from a culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background in the NSW regions.</p>	<p>Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association (MDAA)</p>	<p>This research will inform MDAA's strategic planning for the provision of advocacy support to CALD participants in NSW.</p>

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18/01/2021	Increasing physical activity among young adults with disability	This study explores the barriers and enablers to accessing community gyms in young adults with disability.	La Trobe University	The findings will provide insights for the disability sector in relation to improving accessibility.
19/01/2022	State of the Plan Management and Support Coordination Sector 2021	The purpose of this request was to gather data for the Disability Intermediaries Australia (DIA) next State of the Intermediary Sector Report. The report examines the challenges within the operating and policy environment and features the results from the DIA's Intermediary Sector Survey of service providers.	Disability Intermediaries Australia	The research will enable informed recommendations for the future of the growing intermediary sector.
14/02/2022	Giving voice to rural and remote First Nations NDIS participants who are Deaf or hard of hearing in the Northern Territory	This project aims to describe the characteristics of NDIS participants in the NT who are Deaf and/or hard of hearing and who also identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and to examine the facilitators and barriers to effective plan utilisation.	The University of Melbourne	This research explores the extent to which the NDIS is meeting the disability needs and aspirations of NDIS participants in the NT who are Deaf and/or hard of hearing and who also identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander in order to inform policy development.

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15/02/2022	Queensland Government, Department of Seniors Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DSDSATSIP) Research Partnerships – Quantitative Study: “Inequalities in NDIS service utilisation”	This project aims to describe the characteristics of Queensland NDIS participants, identify plan size, spending and utilisation trends and examine the extent to which inequities exist between particular groups of NDIS participants.	The University of Melbourne	This project seeks to identify the barriers and enablers to NDIS plan utilisation, which will inform policy responses aimed at ensuring participants in Queensland have equitable access to supports under the NDIS.
15/02/2022	Melbourne Disability Institute NDIS research programme	This project aims to examine whether there are inequities in plan size, spending and utilisation between key groups of participants in the NDIS, and the extent and potential causes of any established inequalities.	The University of Melbourne	The project seeks to examine the facilitators and barriers to the effective use of NDIS funding in order to inform policy development.
17/02/2022	NDIS participants with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) by gender and by state	To gain insight into the prevalence of MS across Australia.	MS Australia	This research will assist MS Australia and their MS member organisations to tailor support and service operations.
30/03/2022	Health and support needs for individuals from cultural minorities to engage in meaningful occupation: a scoping review	To identify gaps and solutions in health and support services of individuals with disability from CALD backgrounds to meaningfully engage in occupations.	Western Sydney University	The findings will contribute to improving NDIS policies, practices, and processes specific to CALD participants.