Annual Financial Sustainability Report 2022-2023

Making sure the NDIS lasts a long time

November 2023

Easy Read version

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How to use this report

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) wrote this report.

When you see the word 'we', it means the NDIA.

We wrote this report in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.

Bold

Not bold

We wrote some words in **bold**.

This means the letters are thicker and darker.

We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 28.

This is an Easy Read summary of another report.

This means it only includes the most important ideas.

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What's in this report?

What is this report about?

We want to make sure the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) lasts a long time.

Each year we write a report.

It's called the Annual Financial Sustainability Report (AFSR).

The AFSR uses **data** from the past 10 years.

This is when the NDIS started.

When we talk about data, we mean:

- facts

- information

- records.

We use that data to work out how much the NDIS will cost in the future.

Who writes the AFSR?

A team of experts who work for the NDIA wrote the AFSR.

They use maths to work out risk for a business.

They look at different types of **participants**.

Participants are people with disability who take part in the NDIS.

They also look at how much **funding** participants use.

Funding is the money from a participant's plan that pays for the supports and services they need.

They use this information to work out how much funding the NDIS will use in the future.

Making sure the NDIS lasts a long time

The AFSR helps us manage the funding we give to participants in their plans.
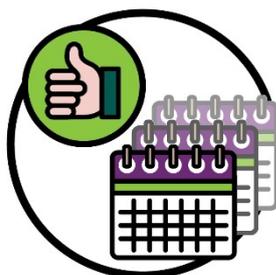
It also helps us make sure the NDIS:

- works well

- lasts a long time.

We want to support participants to:

- get the services they need

- work towards their goals

- do things for themselves.

We want to make sure participants have enough funding to pay for their services.

We also want to make sure the NDIS helps:

- families and carers

- the community.

We want to make sure services:

- meet the needs of participants

- help participants work towards their goals.

We also want to make sure services don't cost too much money.

What's happened since our last AFSR?

The Australian Government gave us funding to improve the NDIS for participants.

This includes improving how we:

- provide support to children early on in their life

- make plans for participants

- make decisions about home and living supports for people who need a lot of support.

This is part of our 2022 to 2023 AFSR.

The Australian Government checked the NDIS to find out what:

- works well

- could be better.

They call it the **NDIS Review**.

In November 2023 the NDIS Review shared their report.

We will look at the ideas from their report in a future AFSR.

What information do we look at?

To make sure the NDIS lasts a long time, we must look at how many participants take part in the NDIS each year.

We must also look at how much funding participants receive.

And how much funding they use.

We look at how many participants:

- join the NDIS

- leave the NDIS.

We also look at data we have about participants, such as their:
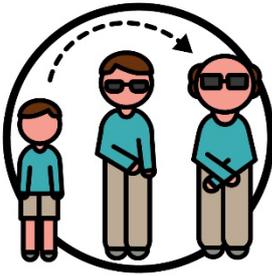
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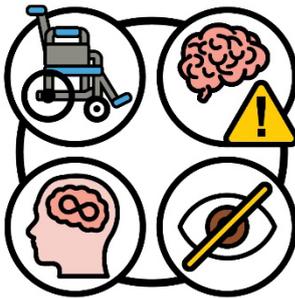
- disability.

We look at data about if participants get funding for **supported independent living (SIL)**.

SIL is help with day-to-day tasks around a participant's home so they can:

- do things for themselves

- learn new skills.

Most participants who get SIL funding live with housemates who also have SIL funding.

How do we use this information?

We use the data about the NDIS to help us work out how much funding the NDIS will use in the future.

We looked at data about the NDIS over the past 10 years.

We use this data to work out how much funding the NDIS will use each year.

But there are lots of things we don't know about the future.

So we need to work out what we think will happen.

This includes:

- how many participants will join the NDIS

- how much funding we will need for new participants

- how many participants will leave the NDIS

- how much the cost of services participants get will go up

- how many participants will use SIL.

The NDIS in 2022–23

We focused on 3 areas.

Participants

More participants join the NDIS each year.

At the end of June 2023, the NDIS had 610,502 participants.

We expect the NDIS to have more than:

- 714,000 participants by June 2025

- 792,000 participants by June 2027

- 1 million participants by June 2033.

There are more participants in 2023 to 2027 since the AFSR we wrote last year.

And there are less participants by the end of 2033.

There are 3 reasons why we changed how many participants we expected since our last AFSR.

More participants joined the NDIS in the last year.

Less participants left the NDIS in the last year.
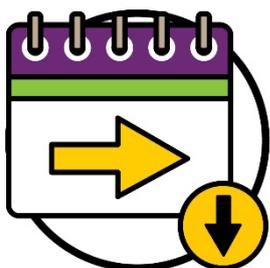
And we expect less participants will join the NDIS in the future.

Funding

Over the last year, participants have used more funding than we expected.

When we look at how much funding participants received in the last year, we also look at:
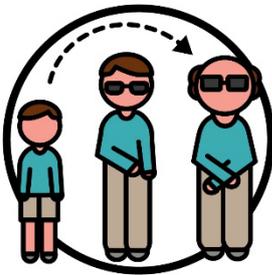
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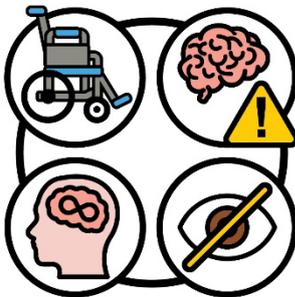
- what disability they have

- what supports they need.

On average participants who use SIL received more funding.

This is because they receive more day-to-day support from the NDIS.

We also looked at how much funding we expect participants to use in the next year.

We expect the average funding participants use to be $64,000 in 2023–2024.

This is $3,300 more than we expected in last year's AFSR.

Total amount of funding

To work out the total amount of funding for all participants, we look at:

- how many participants take part in the NDIS

- how much funding participants use.

We expect the total amount of funding for all participants to be:
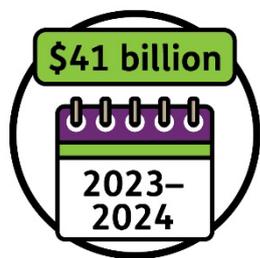
- about $41 billion in 2023–2024

- about $92 billion in 2032–2033.

We expect NDIS funding to be $193.7 billion over the next 4 years.

How do we manage risks?

When we work out how much funding the NDIS will use in the future, we also need to work out if there are any risks.

We have some ideas about how we can manage the risks that we found.

Last year we shared some ideas in our AFSR.

And the NDIA worked on a lot of them.

This year we have 11 ideas about how to:

- manage risks

- make sure the NDIS grows.

1. We want to learn more about how funding supports participants to:

- work

- take part in their community.
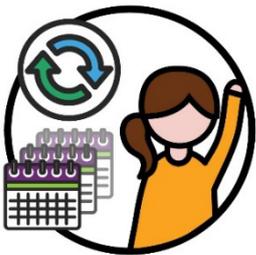
2. We want to learn more about how what participants need changes over time.

   This includes the types of supports participants choose.

3. We want to understand why more participants with **autism** who are 15 years or older are joining the NDIS than we expected.

   Autism is a disability that affects how you:

   - think

   - feel

   - communicate

   - connect and deal with others.

4. We want to learn more about participants who need a lot of support.

   This includes the ways they choose to live.

5. We want to understand why people with **psychosocial disability**:

   - don't apply for the NDIS

   - are told they can't take part in the NDIS.

   A psychosocial disability affects your mental health.

6. We want to make changes to how we manage the NDIS so:

- participants get the supports they need

- funding can change to support what participants need

- funding lasts for as long as participants need.

7. We want to learn more about:

- how long participants take part in the NDIS

- when participants leave the NDIS.

8. We want to make sure providers use funding the right way.

This helps us protect participants.
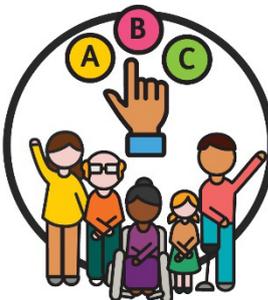
9. We want to make sure we make decisions in the same way for all participants.

10. We want to check the tools we use to:

- collect data

- make decisions.

11. We want to learn what types of support help participants work towards their goals sooner.

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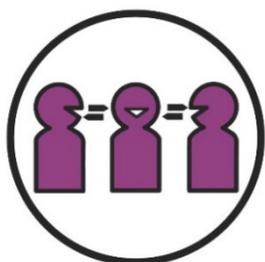
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Word list

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