



## MEETING BRIEF

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### **NDIS Review – Deputy Secretary IDC Workshop**

Through:  
Mark Roddam  
First Assistant Secretary

#### **Meeting Details:**

Date: 17 May 2023 Time: 1:30pm to 3:30pm  
Venue: Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, 1 National Circuit Barton

#### **Attendees:**

Refer Agenda ([Attachment A](#))

#### **Purpose:**

At the previous IDC (attended on your behalf by Mark Roddam), participants expressed a desire to have greater visibility of and input to the NDIS Review's work. This workshop is an opportunity for the group to consider the Panel's preliminary observations and principles.

#### **Issue:**

1. Papers for this meeting have not yet been circulated. The agenda indicates there will be papers on the Review workplan and the Panel's principles and preliminary findings.
2. Jenny Wilkinson will meet with NDIS Review Co-Chairs Bruce Bonyhady and Lisa Paul at 2pm Wednesday 17 May to discuss the Review Panel's thinking, in light of the NDIS 2023-24 Budget package and the National Cabinet decision.
3. You may wish to ask David Hazlehurst about how the Review is integrating the Budget and National Cabinet decisions into their work.
4. The NDIS Review Panel has already provided several early findings to meetings of the Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC), some of which have since been agreed as Budget measures. Further information on these is provided below.

#### **Background:**

##### *Budget and National Cabinet decisions*

5. In the 2023-24 Budget, \$732.9 million was provided to support the sustainable and effective operation of the NDIS. This funding is projected to moderate additional growth by \$15.3 billion in fiscal balance terms, resulting in growth in participant costs of \$1.9 billion over four years from 2023-24.

6. As a second step, National Cabinet has committed to an NDIS Financial Sustainability Framework (the Framework), which will provide an annual growth target in the total costs of the Scheme of no more than 8 per cent by 1 July 2026, with further moderation of growth as the Scheme matures. This will moderate growth in NDIS costs by \$622.8 million in 2026–27 and \$59.0 billion over 7 years from 2027–28 to 2033–34 (in underlying cash terms).

*Previous NDIS Review early findings*

7. DRMC 13 December 2022: The NDIS Review Panel recommendations included that the National Disability Data Asset (NDDA) should be funded as a matter of urgency, along with other recommendations around building a better evidence base, such as that the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) should develop a data strategy and release NDIS Administrative data in a secure and timely manner.

- The 2023-24 Budget included \$31.4 million in funding for the NDDA as part of the measure *Progressing the National Disability Data Asset*.

8. DRMC 10 February 2023: The NDIS Review Panel presented a paper outlining early findings and recommendations. These included early work on quality and safeguarding arrangements, workforce, and alternative commissioning approaches to ensure people with disability in remote and First Nations communities can access the supports they need.

- The 2023-24 Budget included \$7.6 million to partner with communities to pilot alternative commissioning approaches to improve access to supports in remote and First Nations communities, as part of the measure *Improving the Effectiveness and Sustainability of the National Disability Insurance Scheme*.

9. DRMC 21 April 2023: The NDIS Review Panel presented consultation papers on pricing and payments, and participant safeguarding, and noted these were expected to be released within two weeks of the meeting. An NDIS Participant Safeguarding Proposals paper was released on 8 May 2023.

- The 2023-24 Budget included \$24.6 million to trial ‘blended’ payment models comprising an enrolment payment and an outcome payment, as part of the measure *Improving the Effectiveness and Sustainability of the National Disability Insurance Scheme*.

**Attachment:**

Attachment A – Meeting Agenda

Attachment B – NDIS Review Terms of Reference

*Approved for electronic transmission*

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