Transcript for Northern Territory Quarterly Performance Dashboard as at 31 December 2021

This dashboard provides a quarterly comparison of key statistics relating to active participants and their experience in the Scheme. It also includes key outcomes and participant satisfaction results as well as market characteristics.

## Participants and planning

A table displays the following key statistics on the Northern Territory participant experience as at 31 December 2021 and 30 September 2021.

• The number of active participants with approved plans increased from 4,359 as at 30 September 2021 to 4,587 as at 31 December 2021.

• The number of children accessing early connections decreased from 126 as at 30 September 2021 to 98 as at 31 December 2021.

• The number of children waiting for early connections increased from 1 as at 30 September 2021 to 2 as at 31 December 2021.

• The percentage of participants fully or partially self-managing their plan decreased from 17% as at 30 September 2021 to 16% as at 31 December 2021.

• The percentage of plans activated within 90 days remained stable at 83%, from 30 September 2021 to 31 December 2021. Participants who joined the Scheme prior to 1 July 2016 and those with initial plans approved after the end of the 2020-21 quarter 4 have been excluded.

• The number of participant plan reviews completed decreased from 647 in the quarter ending 30 September 2021 to 599 in the quarter ending 31 December 2021. Plans less than 31 days in duration have been excluded.

A chart displays the change in active participants between 30 September 2021 and 31 December 2021.

At the beginning of quarter 2 2021-22, there were 4,359 active participants (excluding children accessing early connections). During 2021-22 quarter 2, there were 263 plan approvals and 35 participants exited the Scheme or moved to another state or territory. This resulted in 4,587 active participants as at 31 December 2021.

The following key statistics summarise the Northern Territory performance as at 31 December 2021.

• 4,786 participants (excluding children accessing early connections) have had an approved plan since July 2013. 4,587 of these continue to be active.

• 2,513 active participants are receiving supports for the first time.

• In the current quarter, 263 participants have entered the Scheme and there are 98 children accessing early connections at the end of December 2021.

• 599 plans have been reviewed this quarter.

• 321 access decisions have been made in the quarter, of which 254 met access and are still active.

• 135 (51.5%) of the new active participants this quarter identified as Indigenous, taking the total number of Indigenous participants in Northern Territory to 2,295 (50.0%).

• 24 (9.2%) of the new active participants this quarter are Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, taking the total number of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse participants in Northern Territory to 299 (6.5%). The number of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse participants excludes Indigenous participants.

## Participant outcomes and satisfaction

A table displays the following key statistics on Northern Territory participant outcomes and satisfaction.

For Participant and Scheme Outcome metrics from the Corporate Plan as at 31 December 2021, the Outcome results include participants who have been in the Scheme for at least two years. Trial participants are excluded. Except for the parent and carer employment rate, participants aged 15 and over are included. The Baseline results are at Scheme entry. The following four indicators are outcomes measures.

• The participant employment rate increased from 11% at baseline to 14% at the latest review.

• The participant social and community engagement rate increased from 46% at baseline to 48% at the latest review.

• The parent and carer employment rate increased from 51% at baseline to 53% at the latest review.

• The participant perception of choice and control increased from 55% at the first review to 67% at the latest review.

The following results indicate the percentage of participants rating their overall experience as 'Very Good' or 'Good' by pathway stage in current and previous quarters.

• The percentage for the 'Access' stage was unavailable for the quarters ending 30 September 2021 and 31 December 2021.

• The percentage for the 'Pre-planning' stage was unavailable for the quarters ending 30 September 2021 and 31 December 2021.

• The percentage for the 'Planning' stage decreased from 84% in the quarter ending 30 September 2021 to 68% in the quarter ending 31 December 2021.

• The percentage for the 'Plan review ' stage decreased from 66% in the quarter ending 30 September 2021 to 60% in the quarter ending 31 December 2021.

## Participant Service Guarantee

The following statistics concern Participant Service Guarantee metrics. These statistics look at the percentage of cases meeting the Service Guarantee target in the quarters ending 30 September 2021 and 31 December 2021. The results for the timeframes shown are based on preliminary calculations and the methodology used to determine the timeframes may change going forward. As a result, Participant Service Guarantee results in the previous quarter may be restated due to logic changes. 'NA' means that Participant Service Guarantee results cannot be measured.

The following metric is concerned with the General category.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 1: The percentage of explanation of a previous decision made within 28 days after a request has been made was 100% for the quarter ending 30 September 2021. This metric cannot be measured for the quarter ending 31 December 2021.

The following three metrics are concerned with Access.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 2: The percentage of access decisions made or further information requested within 21 days of an access request remained stable at 100%, from 30 September 2021 to 31 December 2021.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 3: The percentage of access decisions allowing 90 days for prospective participants to provide information after NDIA has requested further information remained stable at 100%, from 30 September 2021 to 31 December 2021.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 4: The percentage of access decisions made within 14 days of final information being provided increased from 95% as at 30 September 2021 to 100% as at 31 December 2021.

The following three metrics are concerned with Planning.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 5: The percentage of cases where facilitating the preparation of a plan commenced within 21 days of an access decision being made increased from 65% as at 30 September 2021 to 73% as at 31 December 2021.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 6: The percentage of first plans that were approved within 56 days after access decisions were made, increased from 33% as at 30 September 2021 to 59% as at 31 December 2021.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 7: The percentage of first plans that were approved within 90 days after access decisions were made, for Early Childhood Early Intervention participants, increased from 80% as at 30 September 2021 to 85% as at 31 December 2021. Early Childhood Early Intervention is now known as Early Childhood Approach.

The following metric is concerned with Implementation.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 9: The percentage of cases where a plan implementation meeting was held within 28 days if the participant accepts the offer remained stable at 100%, from 30 September 2021 to 31 December 2021.

The following three metrics are concerned with Reviews.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 11: The percentage of cases where facilitating a scheduled plan review commenced at least 56 days prior to the scheduled review date increased from 11% as at 30 September 2021 to 13% as at 31 December 2021. The NDIA’s new participant check-in process ensures that every scheduled review begins with a contact from the planner or partner to discuss review options well before any scheduled review date. Plans are extended automatically if they have not been reviewed before expiry so participants have continuity of support.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 12: The percentage of cases where the decision, to undertake Participant Requested Reviews, was made within 21 days increased from 88% as at 30 September 2021 to 100% as at 31 December 2021.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 13: The percentage of Participant Requested Reviews that were completed within 28 days after the decision was made decreased from 33% as at 30 September 2021 to 23% as at 31 December 2021.

The following two metrics are concerned with Amendments.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 14: The percentage of cases where a plan was varied within 28 days after receiving information that triggers a plan review increased from 74% as at 30 September 2021 to 83% as at 31 December 2021.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 15: The percentage of cases where a plan was varied within 50 days after receiving information that relates to a complex quote that triggers a plan review cannot be measured for both quarters ending 30 September 2021 and 31 December 2021.

The following two metrics are concerned with Reviewable Decisions.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 17: The proportion of Reviews of Reviewable Decisions that were completed within 60 days after the request was received increased from 84% as at 30 September 2021 to 89% as at 31 December 2021.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 18: The percentage of cases where an Administrative Appeals Tribunal decision was implemented to vary a plan within 28 days after receiving notification of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal decision remained stable at 100%, from 30 September 2021 to 31 December 2021.

The following two metrics are concerned with Nominees.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 19: The percentage of cases where a participant requested nominee was cancelled within 14 days cannot be measured for both quarters ending 30 September 2021 and 31 December 2021.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 20: The percentage of cases where a Chief Executive Officer initiated nominee was cancelled within 14 days cannot be measured for both quarters ending 30 September 2021 and 31 December 2021.

• The Participant Service Guarantee timeframes shown above have not yet been legislated and continue to be developed.

## Provider and market metrics

A table displays the following key statistics on Northern Territory market supply and participant costs as at 31 December 2021 and at 30 September 2021.

• The total number of active providers (with at least one claim ever) increased from 785 as at 30 September 2021 to 818 as at 31 December 2021. Active providers refer to those who have received payment for supporting Agency-managed participants.

• The total number of active providers in the last quarter increased from 300 as at 30 September 2021 to 303 as at 31 December 2021. Active providers refer to those who have received payment for supporting Agency-managed participants.

• Utilisation (which is calculated as a 6 month rolling average with a 3 month lag) increased from 71% as at 30 September 2021 to 73% as at 31 December 2021.

• Plan utilisation by service district. The proportion of service districts that are more than 10 percentage points below the benchmark increased from 33% as at 30 September 2021 to 50% as at 31 December 2021. The ‘benchmark’ in this analysis is the national average after adjusting for the proportion of participants in supported independent living in each service district and the length of time participants have been in the Scheme.

• Market concentration. The proportion of service districts where more than 85% of payments for supports go to the top 10 providers remained stable at 17%, from 30 September 2021 to 31 December 2021.

• The proportion of payments paid within 5 days through the portal remained stable at 99.8%, from 30 September 2021 to 31 December 2021.

• Total Payments from 1 July 2021 increased from $100 million as at 30 September 2021 to $200 million as at 31 December 2021.

• Total annualised plan budgets increased from $498 million as at 30 September 2021 to $514 million as at 31 December 2021.

• The growth in annualised plan budgets increased from -11.3% in the September 2021 quarter to 0.9% in the December 2021 quarter.

• Socioeconomic equity (%) increased from 76% in the September 2021 quarter to 77% in the December 2021 quarter. Socioeconomic status uses deciles from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Index of Education and Occupation. A higher decile indicates that people residing in that area have a higher level of skills and qualifications on average. The socioeconomic equity metric is equal to the average annualised plan budget of participants residing in the top two deciles divided by the average annualised plan budget of participants residing in the bottom two deciles (participants not in Supported Independent Living and aged 0 to 64).

• Total annualised plan budgets at 31 December 2021 were $514m and payments from 1 July 2021 were $200m.

• The number of active providers at the end of December is 818, growing by 4% in the quarter.

• Utilisation was 73% from 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021, with 50% (3 out of 6) of service districts in Northern Territory more than 10 percentage points below the adjusted national benchmark.

• In 17% (1 out of 6) of service districts, the top 10 providers provide more than 85% of payments.

A chart displays the Northern Territory service districts that were more than 10 percentage points below the adjusted national benchmark as at 31 December 2021. The ‘benchmark’ in this analysis is the national average after adjusting for the proportion of participants in supported independent living in each service district and the length of time participants have been in the Scheme.

No service districts are more than 10 percentage points above the adjusted national benchmark.

No service districts are between 5 and 10 percentage points above the adjusted national benchmark.

3 out of 6 (50%) service districts are within 5 percentage points of the adjusted national benchmark.

No service districts are between 5 and 10 percentage points below the adjusted national benchmark.

3 out of 6 (50%) service districts are more than 10 percentage points below the adjusted national benchmark.

Service districts below benchmark:

• East Arnhem: 38% versus 70% benchmark.

• Darwin Remote: 53% versus 66% benchmark.

• Barkly: 66% versus 77% benchmark.

• Katherine: 75% versus 77% benchmark.

A chart displays the Northern Territory service districts that had between 90% and 95% of payments going to the 10 largest providers as at 31 December 2021.

No service districts have less than 45% of payments going to the 10 largest providers.

1 out of 6 (17%) service districts have between 45% and 65% of payments going to the 10 largest providers.

4 out of 6 (67%) service districts have between 65% and 85% of payments going to the 10 largest providers.

No service districts have between 85% and 90% of payments going to the 10 largest providers.

1 out of 6 (17%) service districts have between 90% and 95% of payments going to the 10 largest providers.

No service districts have more than 95% of payments going to the 10 largest providers.

Service districts closest to benchmark:

• East Arnhem: 90% versus 85% benchmark.

• Barkly: 83% versus 85% benchmark.

• Central Australia: 80% versus 85% benchmark.

• Katherine: 78% versus 85% benchmark.

• Darwin Remote: 78% versus 85% benchmark.

## Summaries by service district

A chart displays the active participants by service district. There are 151 active participants at 31 December 2021 residing in 'Other' service districts. 'Other' includes participants with service district information missing. The average annualised plan budgets and average payments for this group are not shown.

The number of active participants at 31 December 2021 was:

160 for Barkly.

735 for Central Australia.

434 for Darwin Remote.

2,691 for Darwin Urban.

210 for East Arnhem.

206 for Katherine.

Another chart displays the average annualised plan budgets and average payments. There are 151 active participants at 31 December 2021 residing in 'Other' service districts. 'Other' includes participants with service district information missing. The average annualised plan budgets and average payments for this group are not shown. Figures are not shown if there is insufficient data in the service district.

The average annualised plan budget at 31 December 2021 was:

$92,100 for Barkly.

$186,000 for Central Australia.

$68,200 for Darwin Remote.

$98,300 for Darwin Urban.

$91,000 for East Arnhem.

$172,200 for Katherine.

$112,100 for all of Northern Territory.

The average payments for the 12 months to 31 December 2021 was:

$60,700 for Barkly.

$165,000 for Central Australia.

$41,500 for Darwin Remote.

$89,000 for Darwin Urban.

$49,100 for East Arnhem.

$135,600 for Katherine.

$95,000 for all of Northern Territory.

Another chart displays the average annualised plan budgets and average payments for participants in Supported Independent Living. There are 151 active participants at 31 December 2021 residing in 'Other' service districts. 'Other' includes participants with service district information missing. The average annualised plan budgets and average payments for this group are not shown. Figures are not shown if there is insufficient data in the service district.

The average annualised plan budget at 31 December 2021 for participants in Supported Independent Living was:

$635,900 for Central Australia.

$489,000 for Darwin Urban.

$592,000 for Katherine.

$534,800 for all of Northern Territory.

The average payments for the 12 months to 31 December 2021 for participants in Supported Independent Living was:

$655,800 for Central Australia.

$488,000 for Darwin Urban.

$536,600 for Katherine.

$533,600 for all of Northern Territory.

Another chart displays the average annualised plan budgets and average payments for participants not in Supported Independent Living. There are 151 active participants at 31 December 2021 residing in 'Other' service districts. 'Other' includes participants with service district information missing. The average annualised plan budgets and average payments for this group are not shown. Figures are not shown if there is insufficient data in the service district.

The average annualised plan budget at 31 December 2021 for participants not in Supported Independent Living was:

$64,700 for Barkly.

$108,500 for Central Australia.

$67,600 for Darwin Remote.

$59,700 for Darwin Urban.

$90,000 for East Arnhem.

$95,000 for Katherine.

$71,400 for all of Northern Territory.

The average payments for the 12 months to 31 December 2021 for participants not in Supported Independent Living was:

$30,800 for Barkly.

$75,200 for Central Australia.

$41,400 for Darwin Remote.

$47,300 for Darwin Urban.

$48,500 for East Arnhem.

$62,200 for Katherine.

$50,800 for all of Northern Territory.

The following comments are made regarding the Northern Territory experience at service district level as at 31 December 2021.

• Darwin Urban has the highest number of active participants at 2,691, while Barkly has the lowest number of active participants at 160.

• The average annualised plan budget at the end of December for active participants is $112,100 ($71,400 for participants not in Supported Independent Living and $534,800 for participants in Supported Independent Living).

• The average payment for the 12 months ending 31 December 2021 is $95,000 ($50,800 for participants not in Supported Independent Living and $533,600 for participants in Supported Independent Living).

• Central Australia has the highest average annualised plan budgets and payments across all participants.