Participants and planning

Participant experience	As at 30 Sep	As at 30 Jun
Active participants with approved plans	8,828	8,586
Children accessing early connections	126	135
Children waiting for early connections	1	0
Percentage of participants fully or partially self managing their plan	45%	45%
Percentage of plans activated within 90 days ¹	81%	80%
Number of participant plan reviews completed in quarter ²	1,397	1,305
Access decisions in progress	121	108

Change in active participants between 30 Jun 2021 and 30 Sep 2021



Performance summary:

- 9,978 participants (excluding children accessing early connections) have had an approved plan since July 2013. 8,828 of these continue to be active.
- 6,026 active participants are receiving supports for the first time.
- In the current quarter, 278 participants have entered the Scheme and there are 126 children accessing early connections at the end of September 2021.
- 1,397 plans have been reviewed this quarter.
- 344 access decisions have been made in the quarter, of which 255 met access and are still active.
- 17 (6.1%) of the new active participants this quarter identified as Indigenous, taking the total number of Indigenous participants in ACT to 390 (4.4%).

• 26 (9.4%) of the new active participants this quarter are Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD)³, taking the total number of CALD participants in ACT to 942 (10.7%).

Participant outcomes and satisfaction

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Participant and Scheme Outcome metrics from the Corporate Plan as at 30 September 2021 4		Baseline
Participant employment rate	30%	30%
Participant social and community engagement rate	45%	38%
Parent and carer employment rate	62%	56%
	Latest Review	First Review
Participant perception of choice and control	78%	70%
% of Participants rating their overall experience as Very Good or Good by pathway stage – current vs previous quarter	2021-22 Q1	2020-21 Q4
• Access	58%	n/a
• Pre-planning	n/a	n/a
• Planning	76%	72%
• Plan review	64%	67%

¹ Participants who joined the Scheme prior to 1 July 2016 and those with initial plans approved after the end of 2020-21 Q3 have been excluded.

² Plans less than 31 days in duration have been excluded.

³ The number of CALD participants excludes Indigenous participants. In previous dashboards Indigenous participants were included if their main language spoken at home was not English.

⁴ The Outcome results include participants who have been in the Scheme for at least two years. Except for the parent and carer employment rate, participants aged 15 and over are included and trial participants are excluded. The Baseline results are at Scheme entry.

Participant Service Guarantee

Percentage meeting the Service Guarantee in quarter ¹		Service Guarantee	30 Sep	30 Jun
General	1. Explanation of a previous decision, after a request for explanation is received	28 days	100%	33%
Access	2. Make an access decision, or request for more information, after an access request has been received	21 days	100%	100%
	3. Allow sufficient time for prospective participants to provide information, after NDIA has requested further information	90 days	100%	100%
	4. Make an access decision, after the final information has been provided	14 days	100%	98%
Planning	5. Commence facilitating the preparation of a plan, after an access decision has been made	21 days	97%	96%
	6. Approve a participant's plan, after an access decision has been made	56 days	69%	85%
	7. Approve a plan for ECEI participants, after an access decision has been made	90 days	97%	98%
Implementation	9. If the participant accepts the offer, hold a plan implementation meeting	28 days	100%	100%
Reviews	11. Commence facilitating a scheduled plan review, prior to the scheduled review date ²	56 days	24%	3%
	12. Decide whether to undertake a Participant Requested Plan Review, after the request is received	21 days	85%	89%
	13. Complete a Participant Requested Review, after the decision to accept the request was made ³	28 days	43%	55%
Amendments	14. Vary a plan, after the receipt of information that triggers the plan amendment process	28 days	92%	92%
	15. Vary a plan, after the receipt of information relating to a complex quote that triggers a plan amendment process	50 days	NA	NA
Reviewable Decisions	17. Complete an internal Review of a Reviewable Decision, after a request is received ⁴	60 days	92%	94%
	18. Implement an AAT decision to vary a plan, after receiving notification of the AAT decision	28 days	83%	NA
Nominee	19. Cancel participant requested nominee	14 days	100%	NA
	20. Cancel CEO initiated nominee	14 days	NA	NA

• The Participant Service Guarantee (PSGs) timeframes shown in the table above have not yet been legislated and continue to be developed.

¹ 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, PSG results in the previous quarter may be restated due to logic changes. 'NA' means that PSG results cannot be measured.

² 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.

³ The June 2021 quarter results use a service guarantee timeframe of 42 days.

⁴ The June 2021 quarter results use a service guarantee timeframe of 90 days.

Provider and market metrics

Market supply and participant costs	As at 30 Sep	As at 30 Jun
Total number of active providers (with at least one claim ever) ¹	1,318	1,231
Total number of active providers in last quarter ¹	430	399
Utilisation (6 month rolling average with 3 month lag) (%)	74%	74%
Plan utilisation by service district (% of service districts that are more than 10 percentage points below the benchmark) ²	0%	0%
Market concentration (% of service districts where more than 85% of payments for supports go to the top 10 providers)	0%	0%
Payments paid within 5 days (portal) (%)	99.9%	99.4%
Total payments from 1 July 2021 (\$m)	\$111m	n/a
Total annualised plan budgets (\$m)	\$552m	\$536m
Growth in annualised plan budgets (current quarter reviews %)	-0.2%	-1.5%
Socioeconomic equity (%) ³	89%	92%

• Total annualised plan budgets at 30 September 2021 were \$552m and payments from 1 July 2021 were \$111m.

• The number of active providers at the end of September is 1,318, growing by 7% in the quarter.

• Utilisation was 74% from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021, compared with an adjusted national benchmark of 75%.²

•The top 10 providers provide 55% of payments, compared with the national benchmark of 85%.

• The average annualised plan budget at the end of September for active participants is \$62,500 (\$348,700 for Supported Independent Living (SIL) and \$46,600 for non-SIL).

• The average payment for the 12 months ending 30 September 2021 is \$50,400 (\$333,600 for SIL and \$34,300 for non-SIL).

¹ Active providers refer to those who have received payment for supporting Agency-managed participants.

² 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.

³ Socioeconomic status uses deciles from the ABS Index of Education and Occupation (IEO). 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 IEO deciles divided by the average annualised plan budget of participants residing in the bottom two IEO deciles (Non-SIL participants aged 0 to 64).