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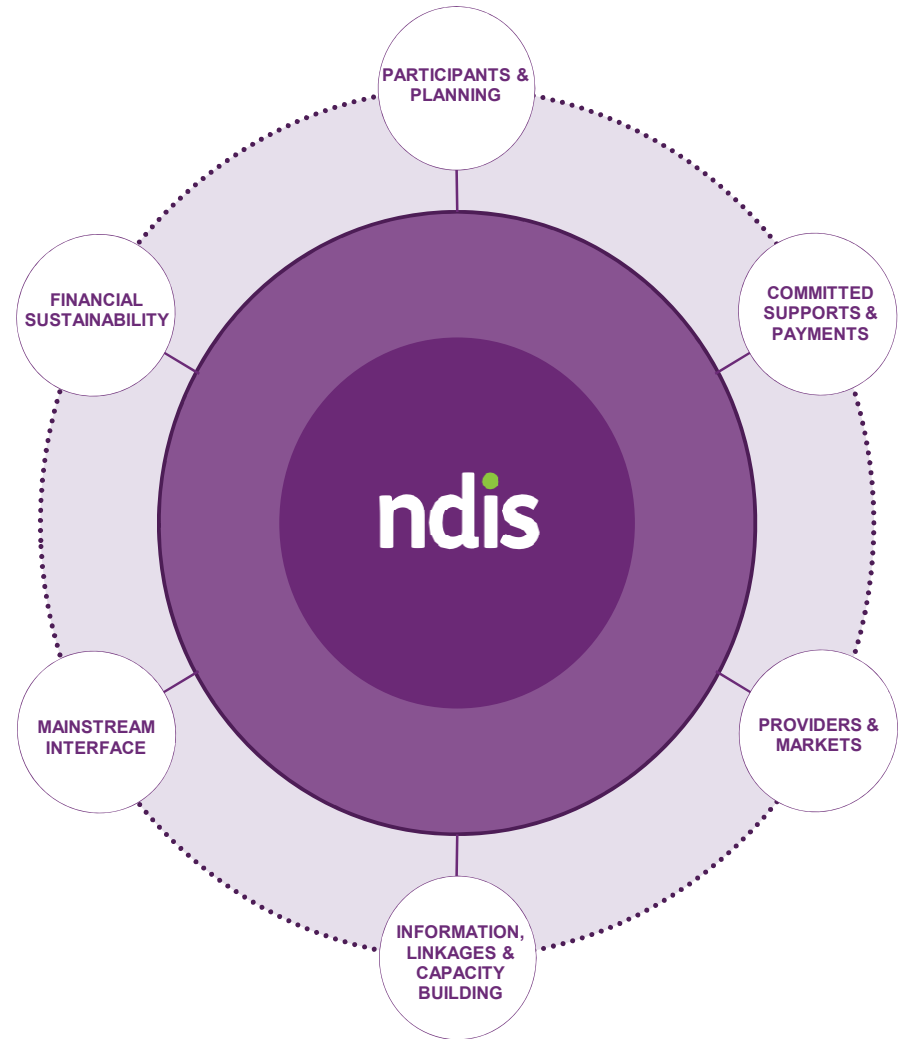
Disability Reform Council Quarterly Performance Report

Western Australia - 30 September 2017



Overview

This report is the fifth quarterly report during the NDIS Transition period, which commenced on 1 July 2016.



Summary

Participants and Planning

As at 30 September 2017, there were 3,982 participants with approved plans.

As at 30 September 2017, plans approved represent 75% of scheme to date bilateral estimate met (1 July 2014 - 30 September 2017).

The satisfaction rating remained high with 86% of participants surveyed in the quarter rating their satisfaction with the Agency's planning process either good or very good.

Committed Supports and Payments

\$408.8 million of supports has been committed to 3,982 participants. This includes \$258.1 million of supports in respect of prior financial years including trial, \$146.8 million of supports in respect of 2017-18[^] and \$3.9 million of supports in respect of later years*.

\$217.3 million has been paid to providers and participants.

Overall, 58% in 2014-15 and 74% in 2015-16. Currently utilisation is 75% in 2016-17, although this will likely increase as there is a lag between when support is provided and when it is paid.

Providers and Markets

850 approved providers, a 12% increase during the quarter.

65-90% of payments made by the NDIA are received by 25% of providers.

20% of services providers are individual/sole traders.

Mainstream Interface

96% of active participants with a plan approved in 2017-18 Q1 access mainstream services.

The proportion of participants entering in the current quarter accessing mainstream services is higher compared to prior quarters.

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*Note: The \$3.9 million committed in future years is due to current plans in place that have an end date past 30 June 2018.

Participants and Planning

As the transition phase to full scheme continues, the NDIS in Western Australia continues to grow with 200 additional participants with approved plans this quarter.

Participants and Planning

The NDIS is transitioning to full-scheme in line with phasing schedules bilaterally agreed by State/Territory and Commonwealth governments.



Key Statistics

240

ACCESS DECISIONS
IN 2017-18 Q1

200

INITIAL PLANS APPROVED
IN 2017-18 Q1

75%

OF SCHEME TO DATE
BILATERAL ESTIMATE
MET
(1 JULY 2014 - 30
SEPTEMBER 2017)

35%

OF PARTICIPANTS
WITH AN INITIAL PLAN
APPROVED IN 2017-18
Q1 ARE CHILDREN
AGED 0-6 YEARS

31%

OF PARTICIPANTS
WITH AN INITIAL PLAN
APPROVED IN 2017-18
Q1 HAVE A REPORTED
PRIMARY DISABILITY
OF AUTISM

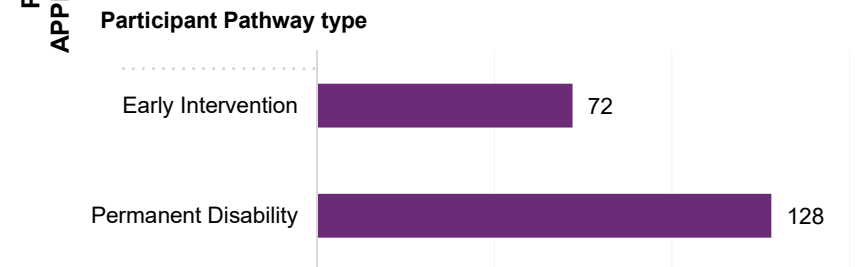
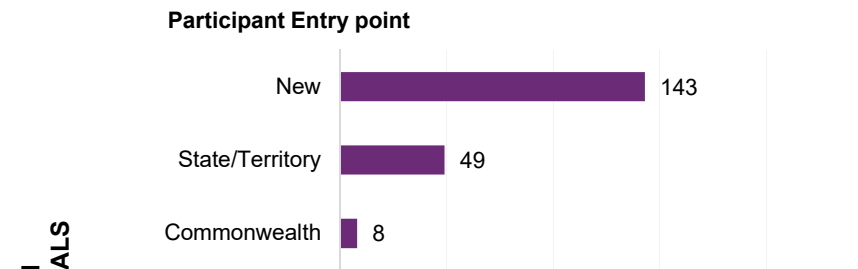
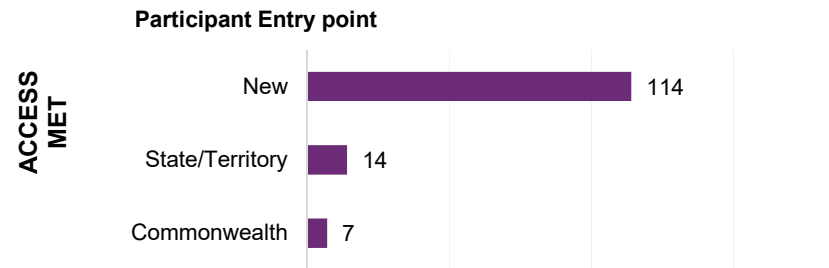
Quarterly Intake

2017-18 Q1

Of the 135 participants deemed 'eligible' this quarter, 84% were 'new' participants (i.e. had not transitioned from an existing State/Territory or Commonwealth program).

Of the 200 plan approvals this quarter, 72% were 'new' participants (i.e. had not transitioned from an existing State/Territory or Commonwealth program) and 64% entered with a permanent disability.

Overall, since 1 July 2014, there have been 4,889 people with access decisions, and 3,982 participants with an approved plan.



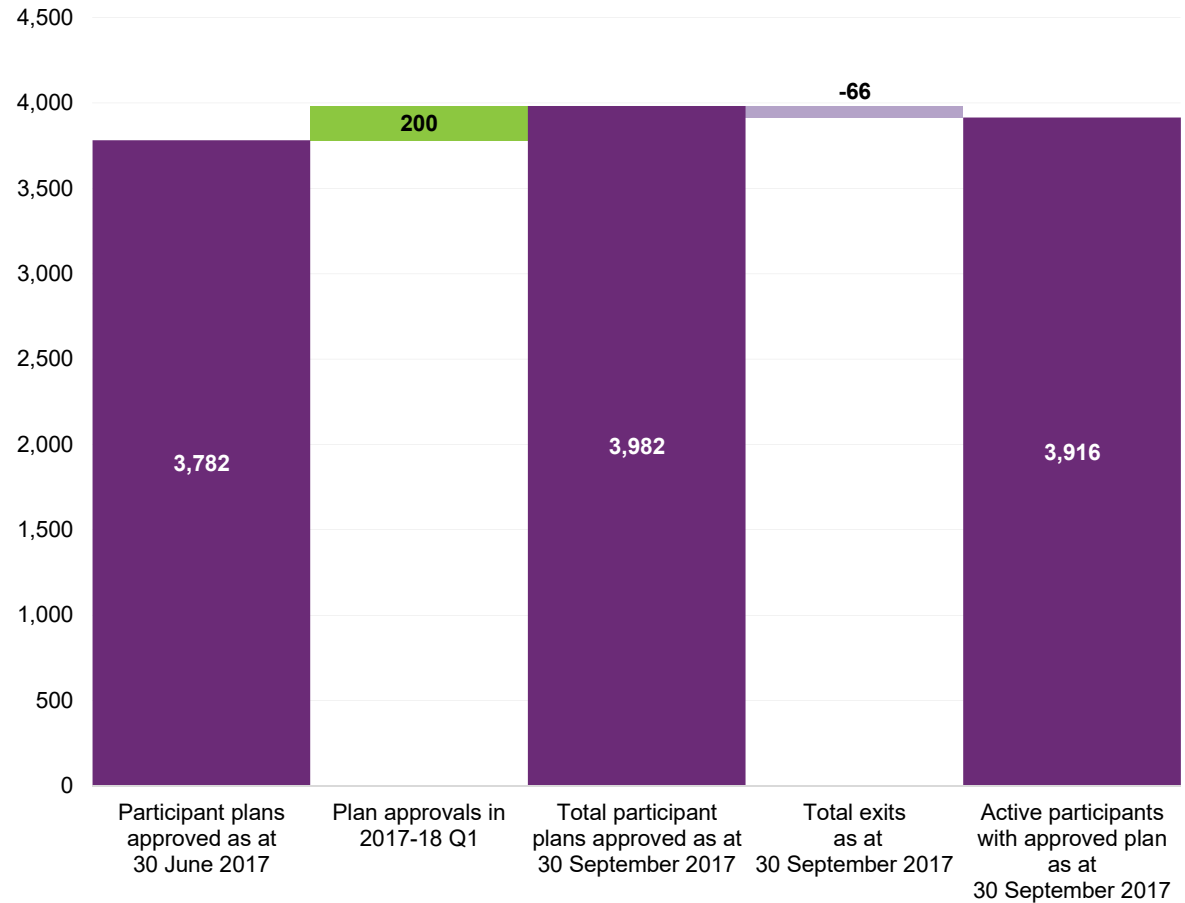
Quarterly Intake Detail

Plan approvals as at 30 September 2017

Plan approval numbers have increased from 3,782 at the end of 2016-17 Q4 to 3,982 by the end of 2017-18 Q1. This is an increase of 200 approvals.

As at 30 September 2017 there were 66 exits bringing the overall number to 3,916.

Change in plan approvals between 30 June 2017 and 30 September 2017



In the quarter of 2017-18 Q1 there were 531 plan reviews. This figure relates to all participants who have entered the scheme (including transition).

Cumulative Position

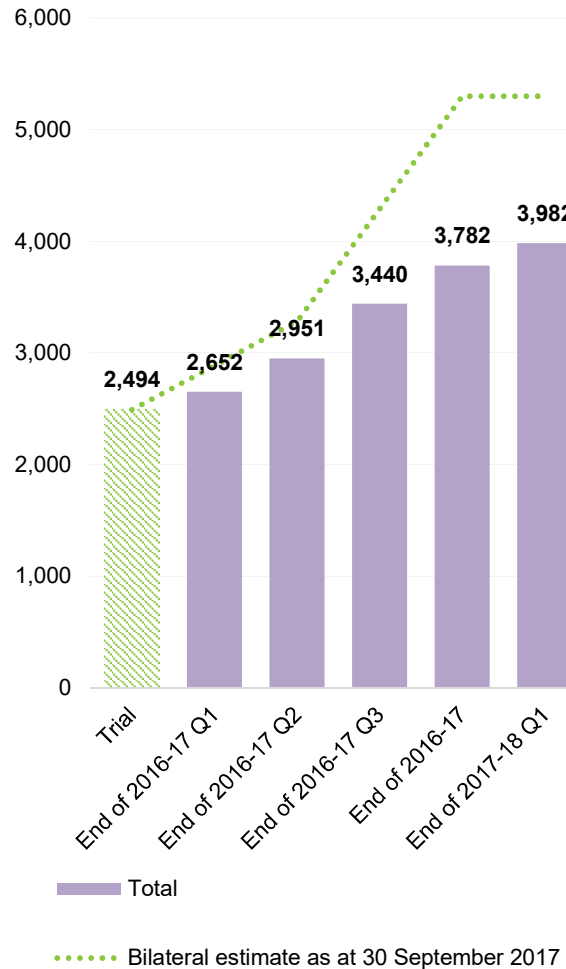
Plan approvals as at 30 September 2017

As at the end of 2017-18 Q1, the cumulative total number of participants receiving support was 3,982. Of these, 1,885 transitioned from an existing State/Territory program and 71 transitioned from an existing Commonwealth program.

In addition, 225 participants were awaiting a plan as at 30 September 2017.

Cumulative position reporting is inclusive of trial participants for the reported period and represents participants who have or have had an approved plan.

Cumulative plan approvals compared with bilateral estimate



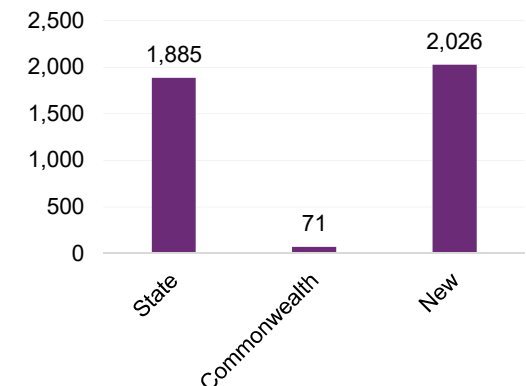
75%

of scheme to date bilateral estimate met (1 July 2014 - 30 September 2017)

3,982

plan approvals to date

Plan approvals by participant referral pathway



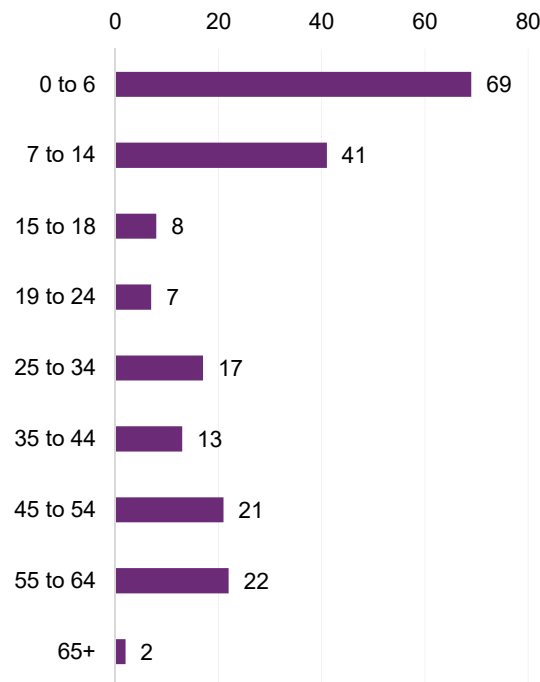
Participant Profiles

Demographic profile of active participants with a plan approved in the quarter of 2017-18 Q1, compared with plan approvals as at 30 June 2017.

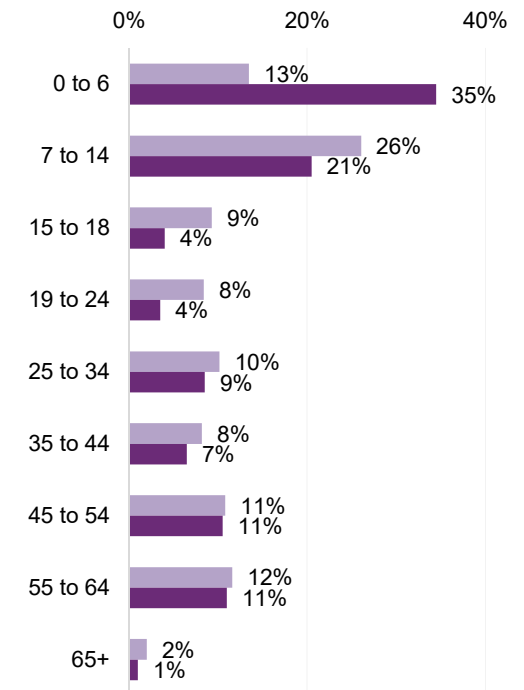
Around 35% of participants entering in this quarter are aged 0 to 6 years. This is higher compared to prior quarters.

The proportions of participants entering in this quarter aged 15 and older are lower compared to prior quarters.

Active participants with a plan approved in the quarter of 2017-18 Q1 by age group



% of active participants with a plan approved by age group



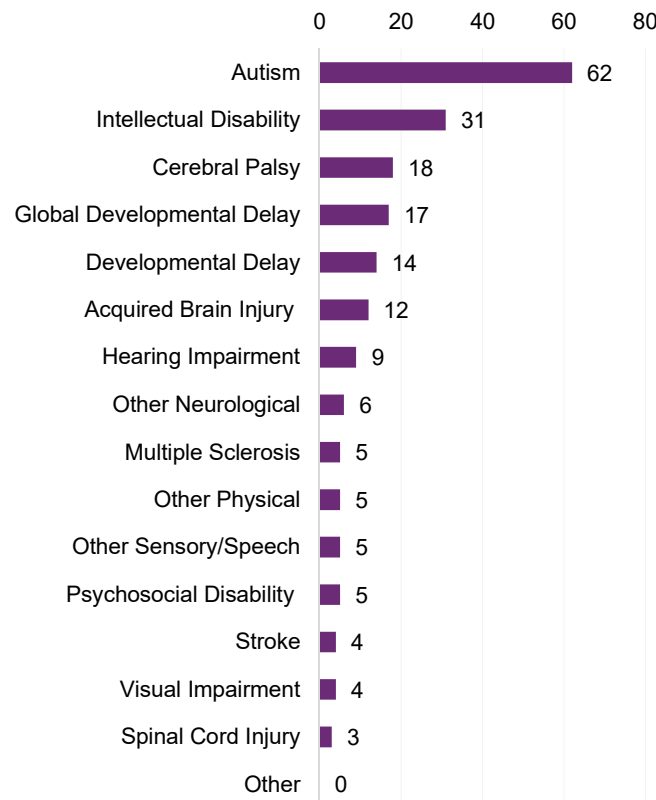
■ % of active participants approved in prior quarters
 ■ % of active participants approved in 2017-18 Q1

Participant Profiles

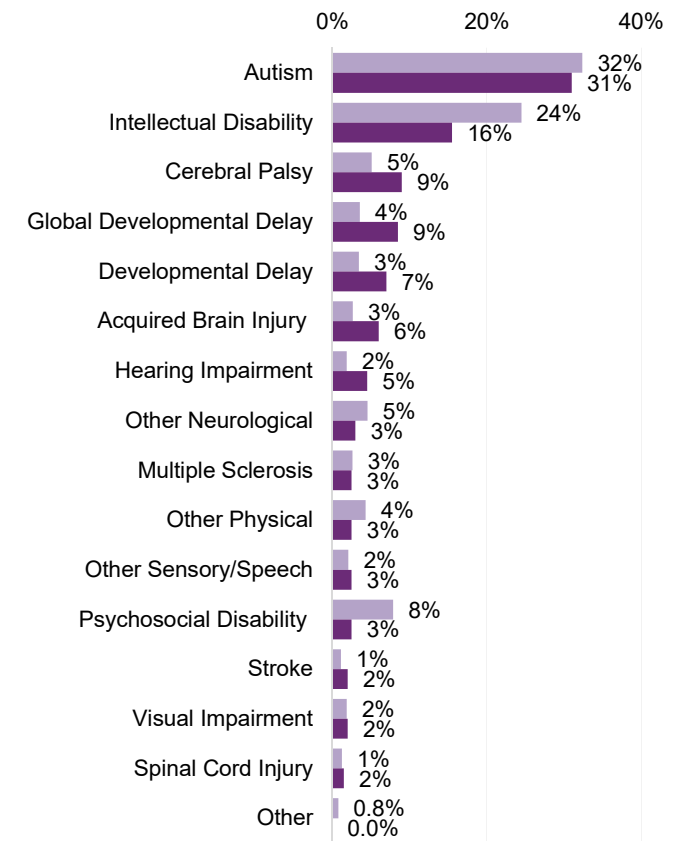
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31% of participants entering in the quarter of 2017-18 Q1 have a primary disability group of Autism.

Active participants with a plan approved in the quarter of 2017-18 Q1 by disability group



% of active participants with a plan approved by disability group



■ % of active participants approved in prior quarters
 ■ % of active participants approved in 2017-18 Q1

Participant Profiles

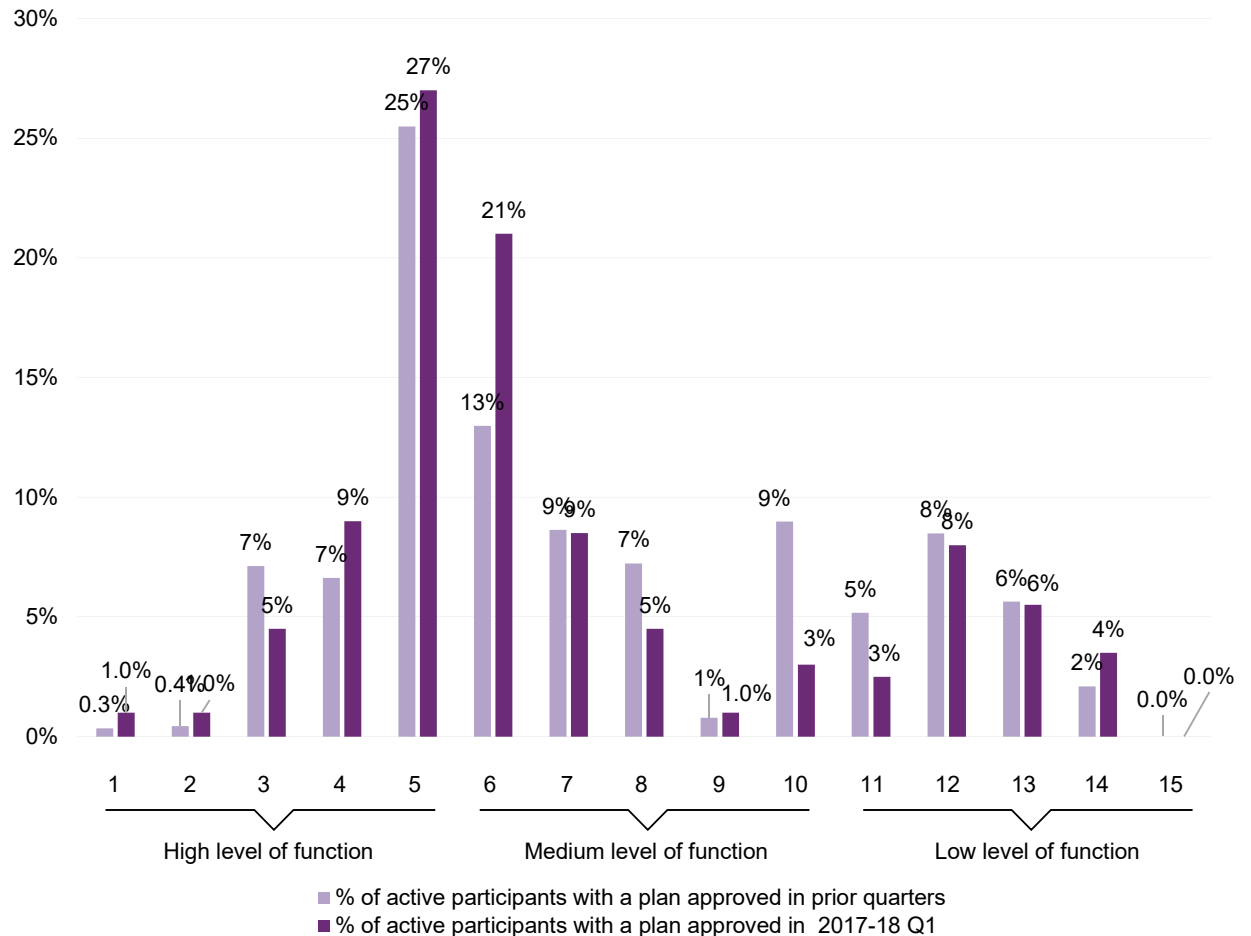
Demographic profile of active participants with a plan approved in the quarter of 2017-18 Q1, compared with plan approvals as at 30 June 2017.

For participants with a plan approval in the current period:

- 43% of active participants had a relatively high level of function
- 38% of active participants had a relatively moderate level of function
- 20% had a relatively low level of function

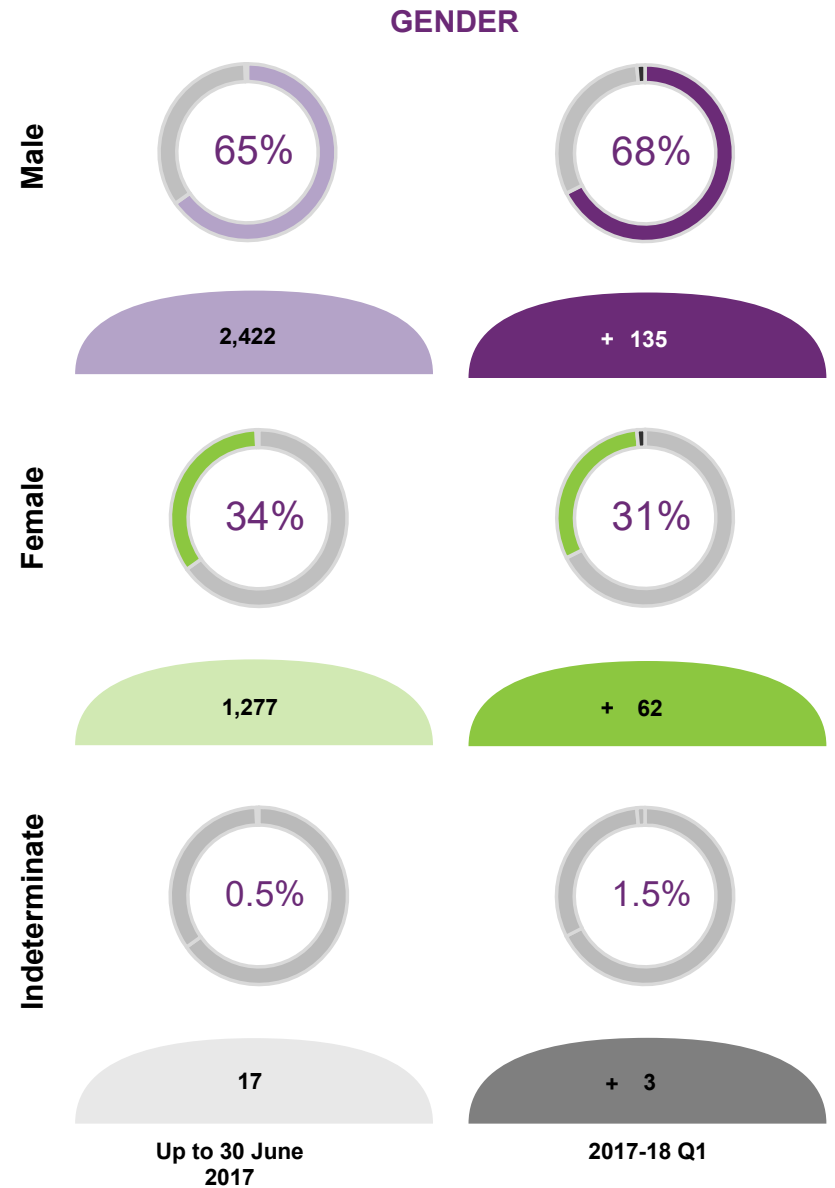
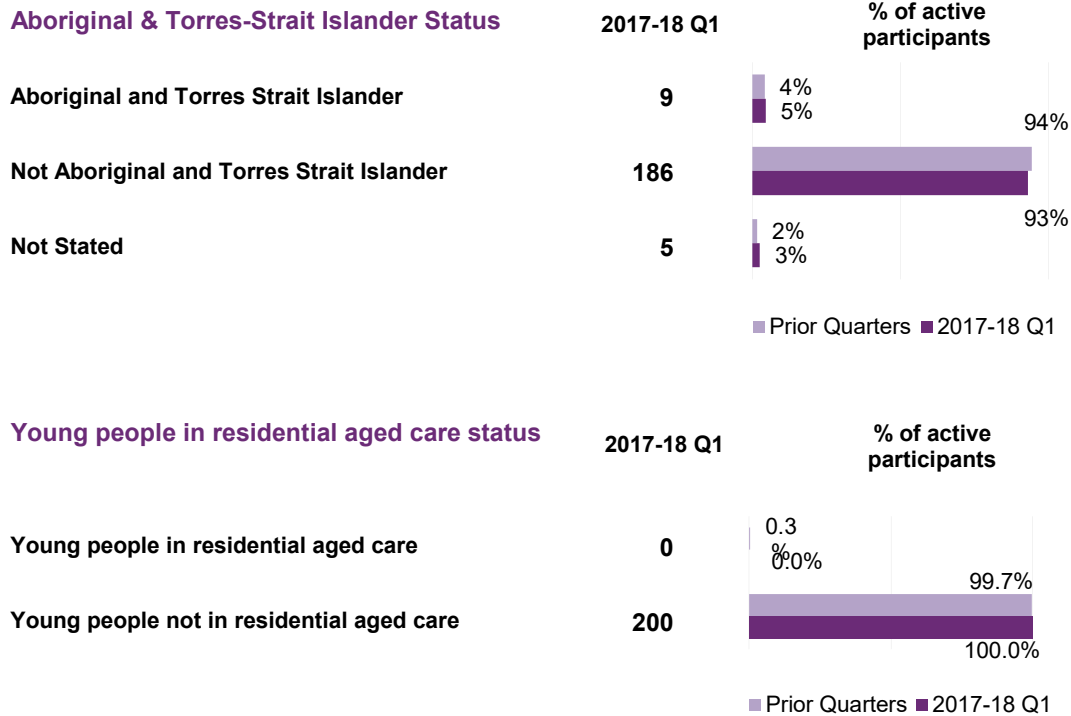
These relativities are within the NDIS participant population, and not comparable to the general population.

% of active participants with a plan approved by level of function



Participant Profiles

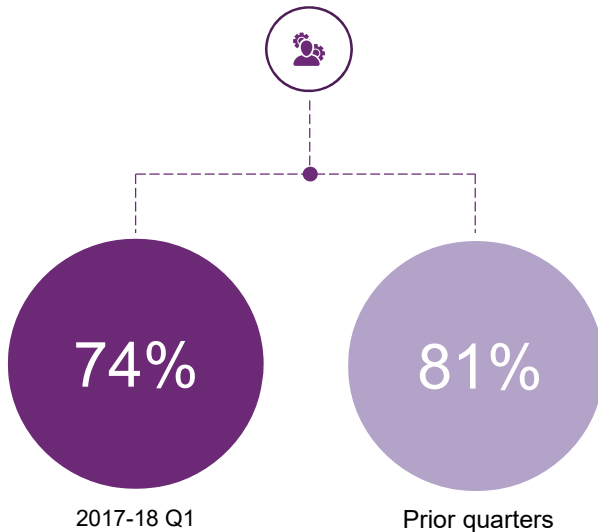
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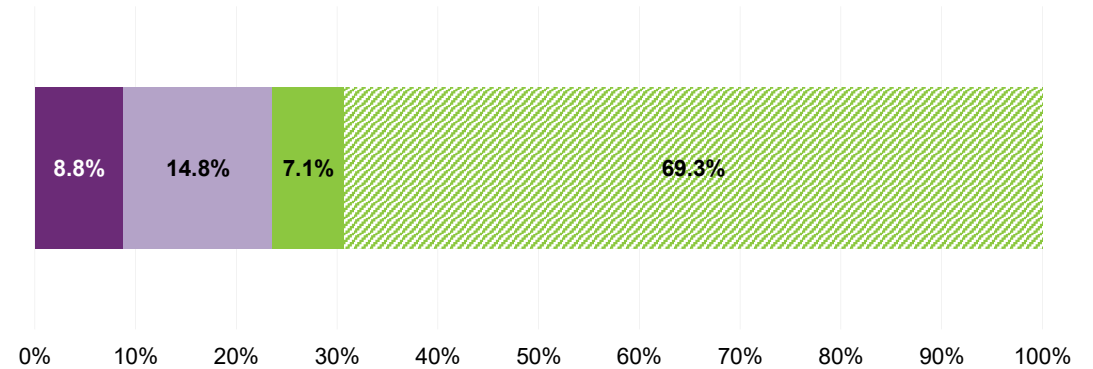
Plan Management Support Co-ordination

The proportion of participants who are fully or partly self-managing their plan was higher in 2017-18 Q1 (28%) compared with the prior quarters of 2016-17 (24%), and 74% of participants who have had a plan approved in 2017-18 Q1 have support coordination in their plan, compared with 81% in prior quarters of 2016-17.

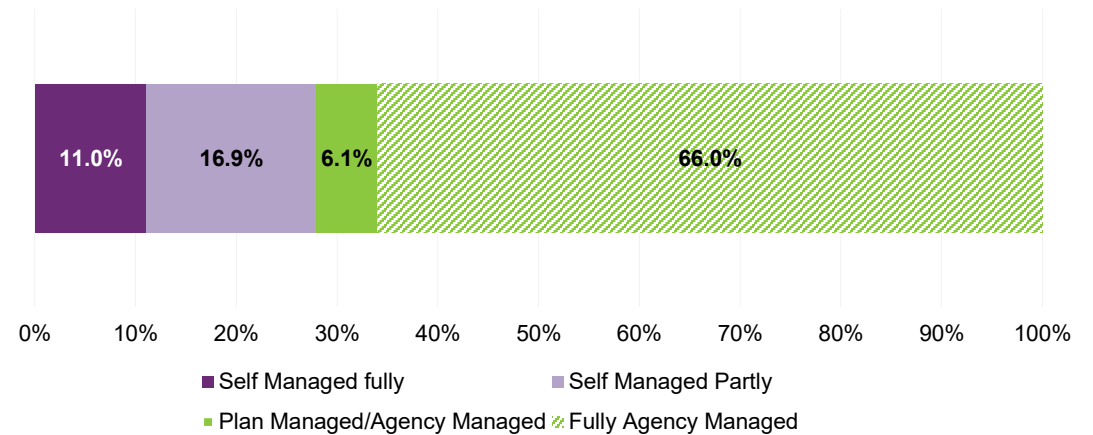
Support Co-ordination



Prior quarters (transition only)



2017-18 Q1



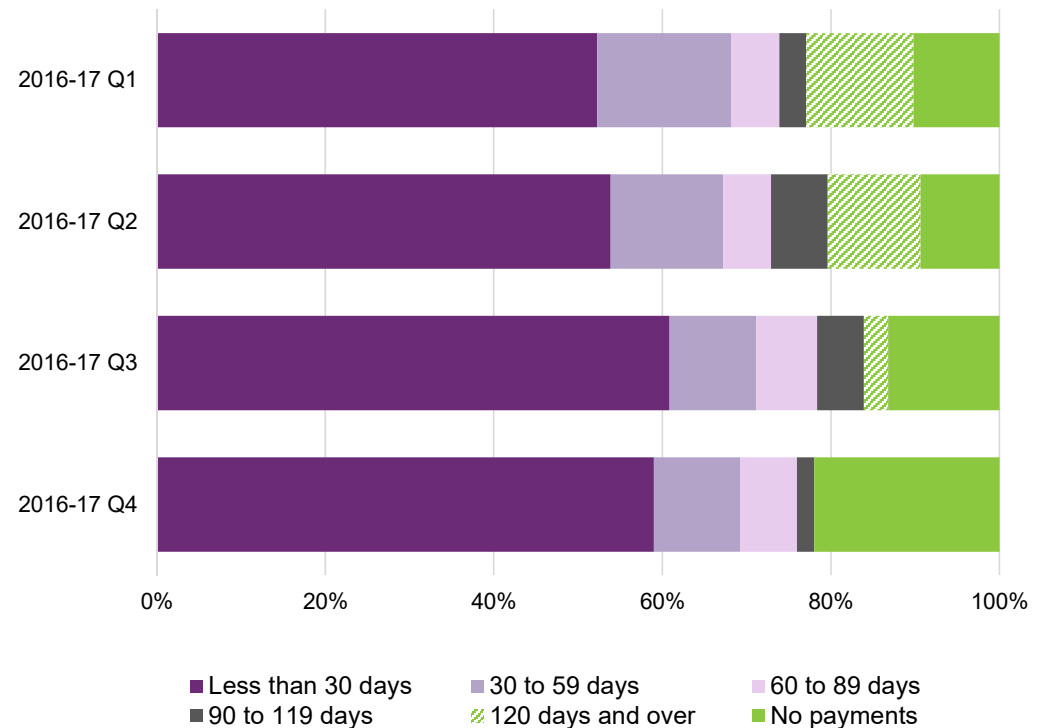
Plan Activation

Plan activation refers to the amount of time between plan approval and the commencement of the participant receiving support.

The percentage of plans activated within 90 days of approval were:

- 74% of plans approved in 2016-17 Q1
- 73% of plans approved in 2016-17 Q2
- 78% of plans approved in 2016-17 Q3
- 76% of plans approved in 2016-17 Q4

Duration to Plan activation for initial plans approved by quarter



Plan activation can only be approximated using data on payments. As there is a lag between when support is provided and payments made, these statistics are likely to be conservative. That is, it is likely that plan activation is faster than presented. Further, in-kind supports have been excluded from the calculation, which further contributes to the conservative figures.

Note: Given that plans approved in 2017-18 Quarter 1 are relatively new, it would be too early to examine the duration to plan activation for these plans and hence these have been excluded from the charts.

Participant Outcomes

Baseline outcome measures were collected from 98% of participants receiving their initial plan since 1 July 2016.

Of participants aged 25 and over:

- 54% choose who supports them
- 53% want more choice and control in their life
- 78% are happy with their home and feel safe or very safe there
- 39% were actively involved in a community group in the past year

For family/carers of children aged 0 to 14:

- 46% have a paid job
- 44% say they are able to work as much as they want
- 54% say they are able to see family and friends as much as they want

Number of questionnaires completed from 1 July 2016 to 30 September 2017 by Short Form Outcomes Framework (SFOF) version

Version	Number of questionnaires		Total
	2016-17	Q1 2017-18	
Participant 0 to school	308	66	374
Participant school to 14	286	43	329
Participant 15 to 24	147	12	159
Participant 25 and over	516	71	587
Total Participant	1,257	192	1,449
Family 0 to 14	574	108	682
Family 15 to 24	41	8	49
Family 25 and over	23	12	35
Total Family	638	128	766
Total	1,895	320	2,215

Participant Outcomes

Key measures on baseline social, economic and independence outcomes. These will be monitored into the future.

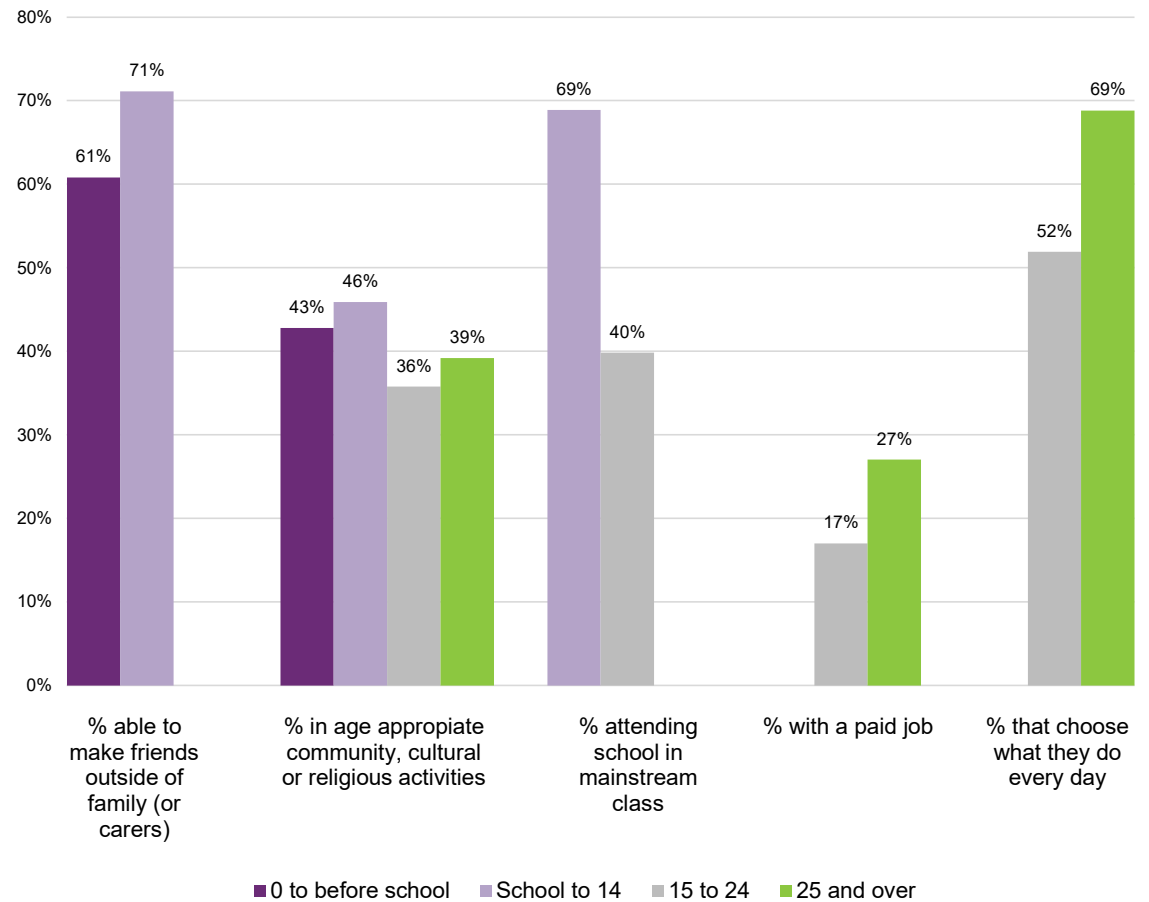
Participants aged 0 to before school:

- 61% were able to make friends outside of family/carers
- 43% involved in age appropriate community, cultural or religious activities

Participants aged 25 and over:

- 27% had a paid job
- 69% choose what they do every day

Selected key baseline indicators for participants



Participant Outcomes

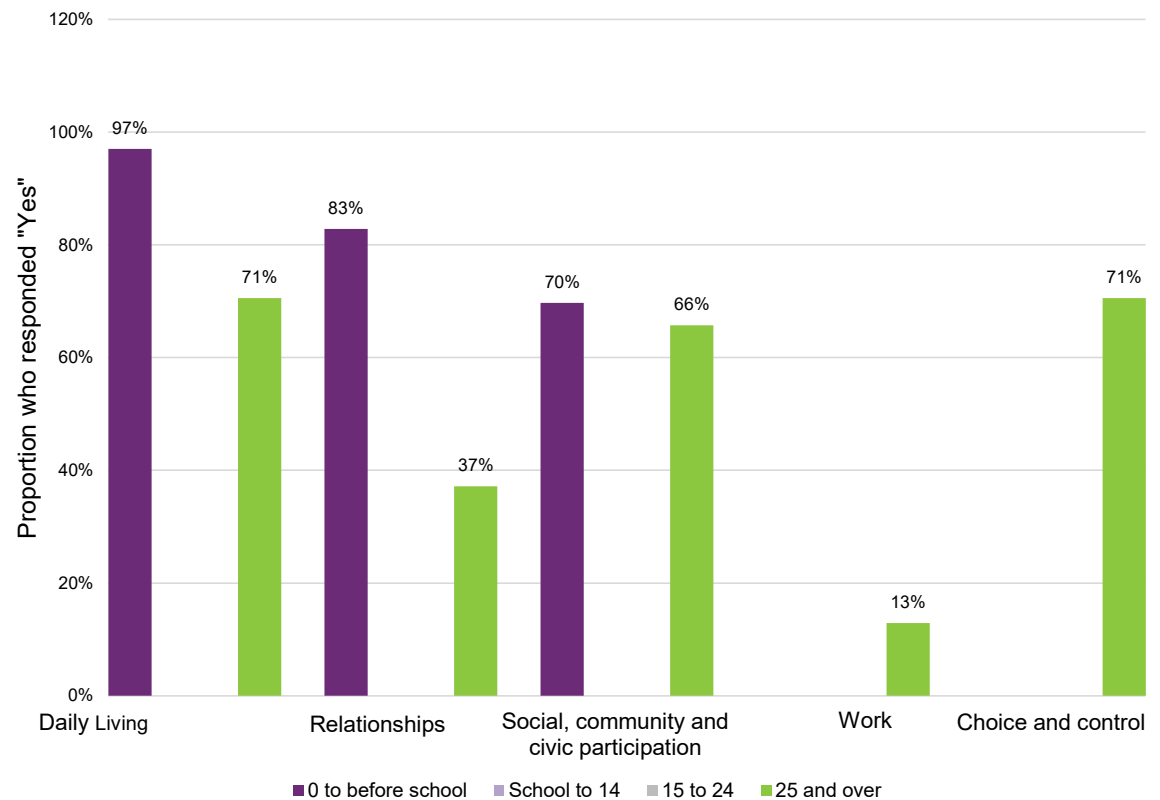
Responses to the “Has the NDIS helped?” questions.

Participants who entered the Scheme in 2016-17 Q1 and had their plan reviewed in 2017-18 Q1 were asked questions about whether the NDIS had helped them.

Percentage of participants responding “Yes” were:

- Higher for 0 to school age participants, particularly for daily living (97%)

“Has the NDIS helped?” questions

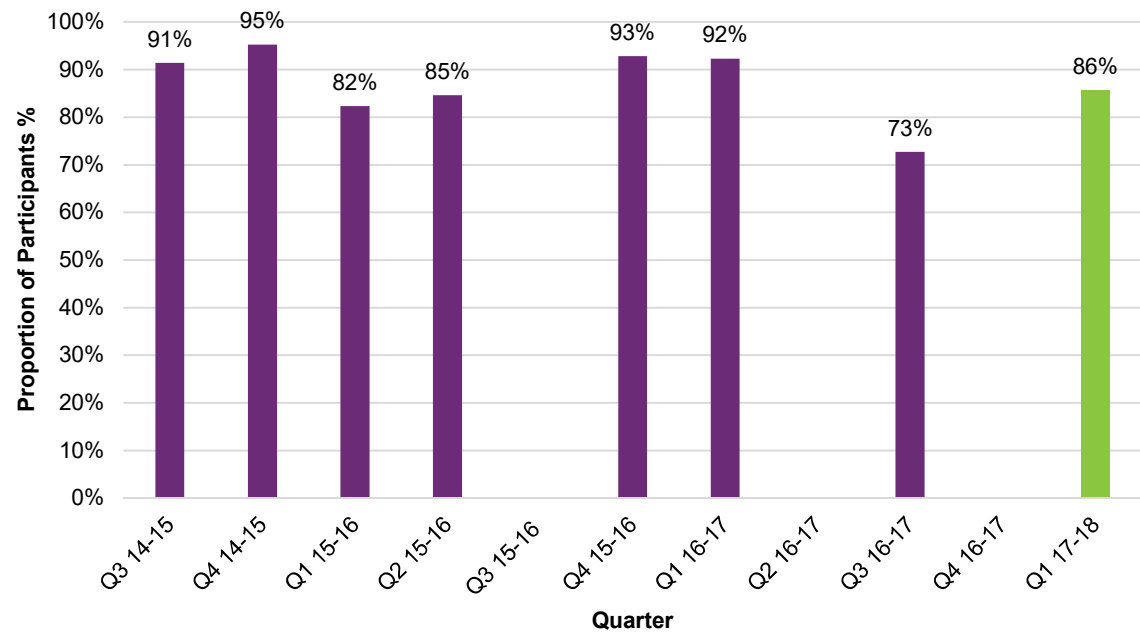


Participant Satisfaction

86% of participants rated their satisfaction with the Agency planning process as either good or very good in the current quarter. This has increased since the second last quarter.

The Participant Pathway Review aims to improve the participant experience.

Proportion of participants describing satisfaction with the agency's planning process as good or very good - by quarter



Note: Participant satisfaction results are not shown if there is insufficient data in the group.

Participant satisfaction continues to be high, but has dropped during transition, compared with trial site experience.

Committed Supports and Payments

Both committed and paid supports to participants are increasing in line with the growing scheme.

To date funding committed to participants with an approved plan amounts to \$408.8 million (including support periods in the future), of which \$217.3 million has been paid.

The \$408.8 million committed support includes \$258.1 million of supports in respect of prior financial years including trial, \$146.8 million of supports in respect of 2017-18[^] and \$3.9 million of supports in respect of later years*.

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Committed Supports and Payments

This section presents information on the amount committed in plans and payments to service providers and participants.

Key Statistics

\$408.8

MILLION OF SUPPORTS HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO 3,982 PARTICIPANTS

\$258.1

MILLION OF SUPPORTS IN RESPECT OF PRIOR FINANCIAL YEARS INCLUDING TRIAL

\$146.8

MILLION OF SUPPORTS IN RESPECT OF 2017-18[^]

\$3.9

MILLION OF SUPPORTS IN RESPECT OF LATER YEARS^{*}

\$217.3

MILLION HAS BEEN PAID TO PROVIDERS & PARTICIPANTS

OVERALL, 58% OF COMMITTED SUPPORTS WERE UTILISED IN 2014-15 AND 74% IN 2015-16. CURRENTLY UTILISATION IS 75% IN 2016-17, ALTHOUGH THIS WILL LIKELY INCREASE AS THERE IS A LAG BETWEEN WHEN SUPPORT IS PROVIDED AND WHEN IT IS PAID.

THE 2016-17 AND 2017-18 EXPERIENCE IS STILL EMERGING.

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Committed Supports and Payments

Committed amount by year that the support is expected to be provided, compared with committed supports that have been used (paid).

Of the \$408.8 million that has been committed in participant plans, \$217.3 million has been paid to date.

In particular, for supports provided in:

2014-15: \$10.9m has been paid

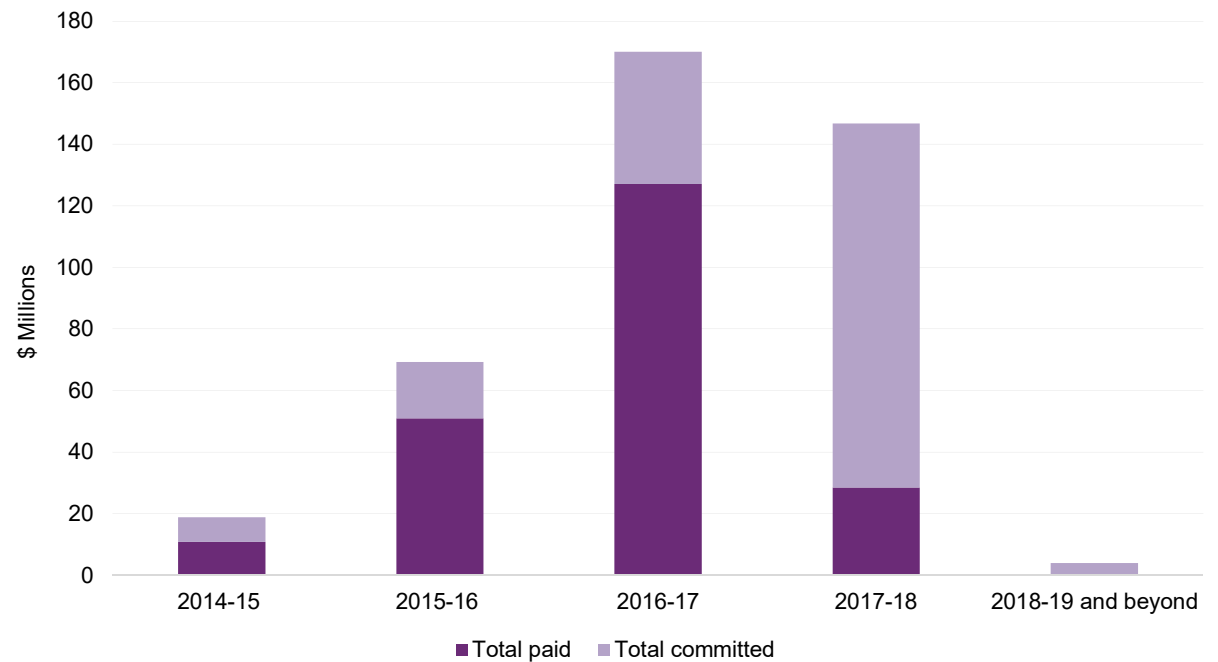
2015-16: \$50.9m has been paid

2016-17: \$127.0m has been paid

2017-18 to date: \$28.5m has been paid

Committed and paid by expected support year

\$Million	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 and beyond	Total
Total committed	0.0	18.9	69.2	170.0	146.8	3.9	408.8
Total paid	0.0	10.9	50.9	127.0	28.5	0.0	217.3



Committed Supports and Payments

A lower proportion of initial plan approvals in 2017-18 Q1 have average annualised committed supports greater than \$20,000 compared with participants who entered in prior quarters when participants with shared supported accommodation (SSA) supports are included.

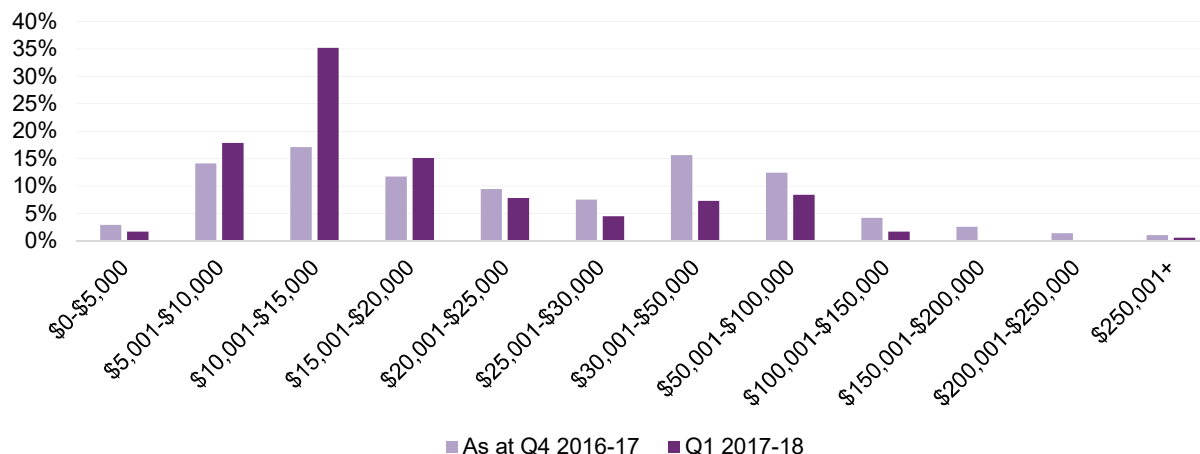
This is also the case when SSA participants are excluded.

This is driven by the concentration of approvals in the 0-6 year and 7-14 year age groups. Due to low number of plan approvals this quarter the results should be interpreted with caution.

Distribution of average annualised committed supports by cost band (including SSA)



Distribution of average annualised committed supports by cost band (excluding SSA)



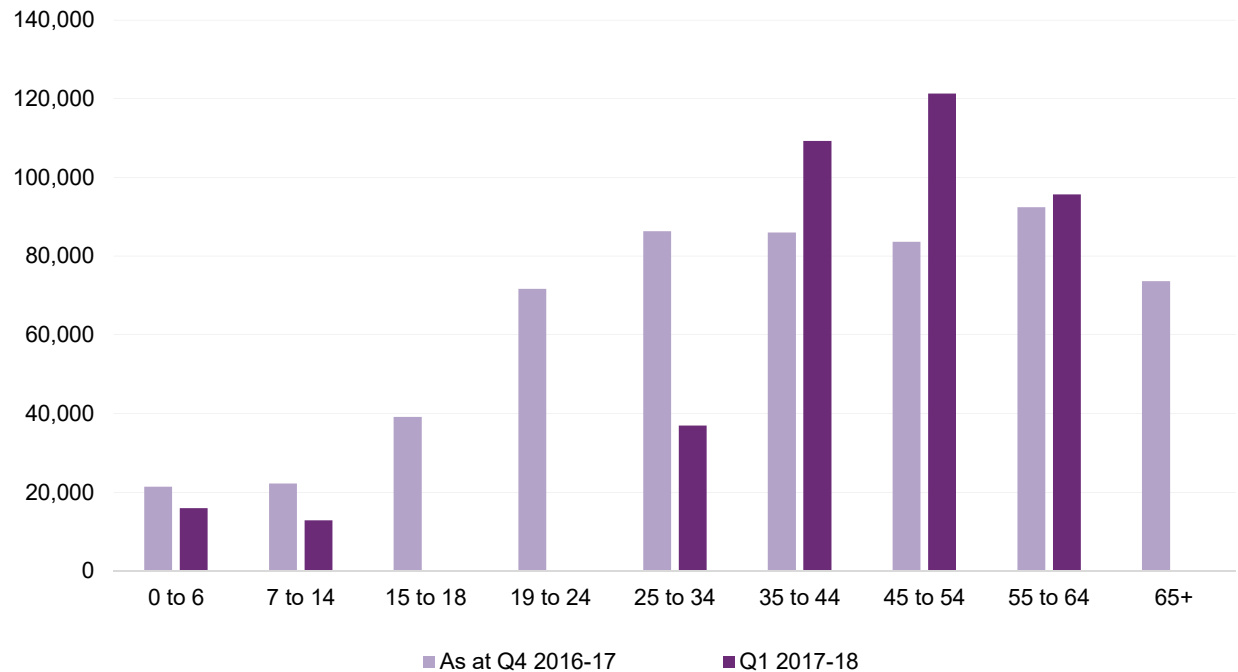
Committed Supports and Payments

Average annualised committed supports increase steeply up to age 25, stabilises to age 55 and then decreases for participants aged 65 and over.

Average annualised committed supports is high in the current quarter for participants at older ages, with the largest increase for participants aged 45 to 54. Average annualised committed supports is lower in the current quarter for participants aged 0 to 14.

This is likely to reflect the phasing schedules outlined in the bilateral agreements.

Average annualised committed supports by age band



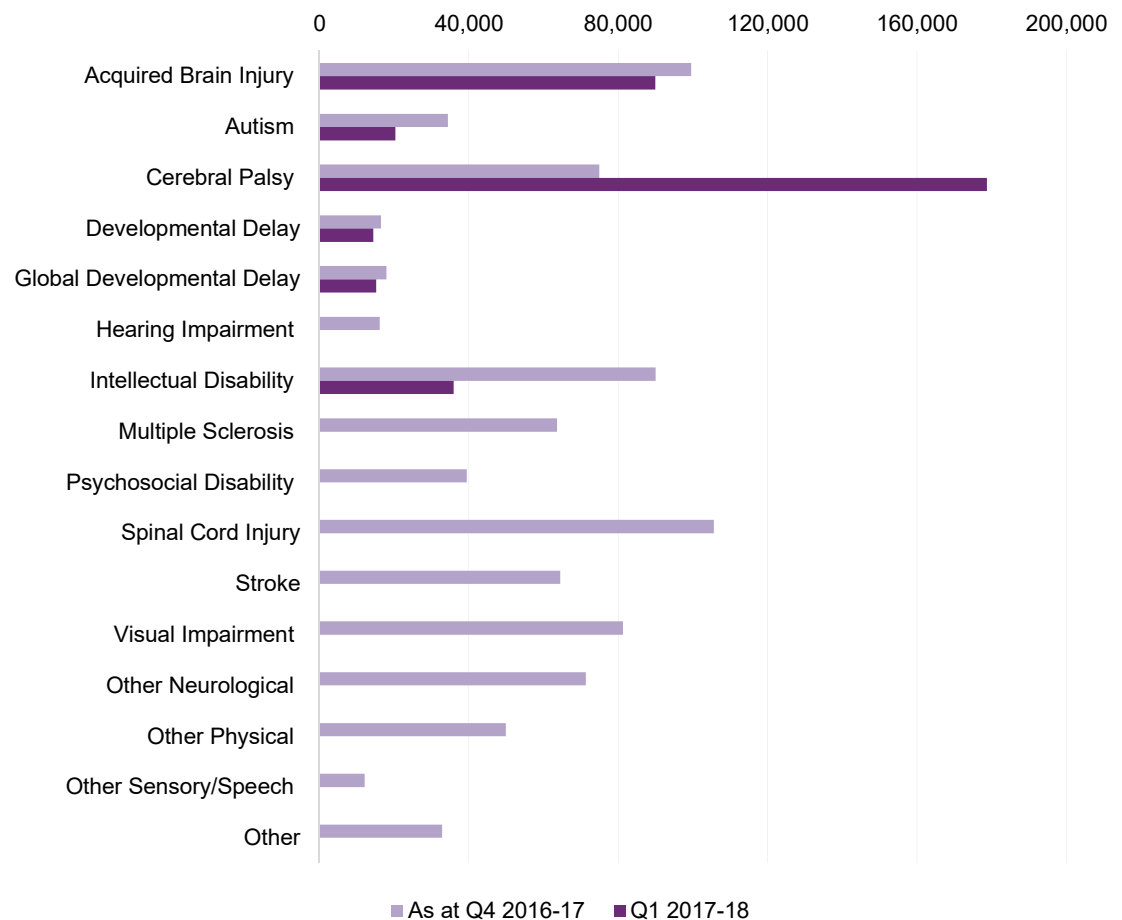
Note 1: Average annualised committed supports are not shown if there are insufficient data in the group

Committed Supports and Payments

Participants with Spinal Cord Injury, Acquired Brain Injury and Intellectual Disability have the highest average annualised committed supports while participants with Other Sensory/Speech, Hearing Impairment and Developmental Delay have the lowest average annualised committed supports.

Participants with an initial plan approval in 2017-18 Q1 had lower average annualised committed supports across a range of disability types, excluding Cerebral Palsy, when compared with participants who entered in prior quarters.

Average annualised committed supports by primary disability group



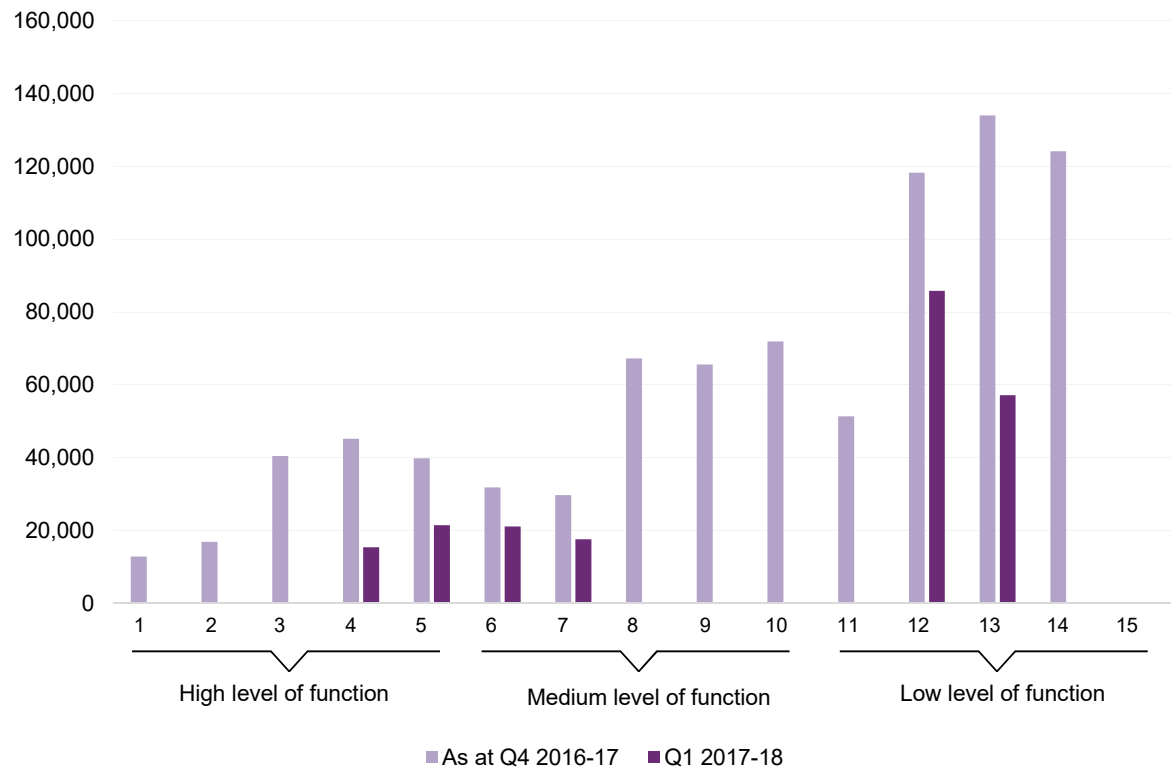
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Committed Supports and Payments

The average annualised committed supports generally increase for participants with lower levels of function.

The average annualised committed supports for participants with an initial plan approval in 2017-18 Q1 is lower compared with participants who entered in prior quarters for participants across low, medium and high levels of function.

Average annualised committed supports by level of function



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Note 2: High, medium and low function is relative within the NDIS population and not comparable to the general population.

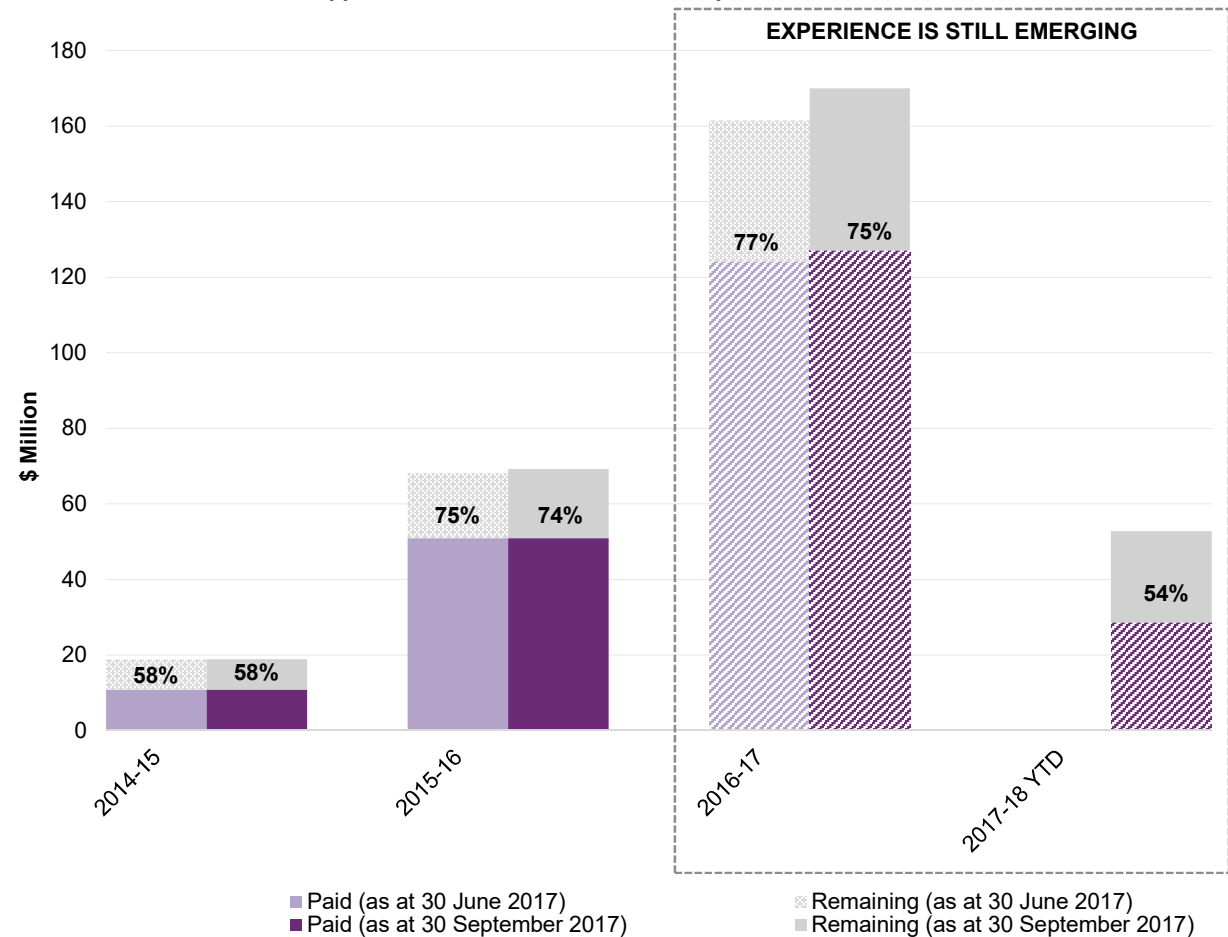
Committed Supports and Payments

Utilisation of committed supports by year that the support was expected to be provided as at 30 June 2017, compared with 30 September 2017.

As there is a lag between when support is provided and when it is paid, the utilisation in 2016-17 and 2017-18 will increase, the latter significantly so.

The utilisation of committed supports has decreased for supports provided in 2016-17. This is due to payments in 2017-18 Q1 for supports which were provided during 2016-17.

Utilisation of committed supports as at 30 June 2017 and 30 September 2017



Providers and Markets

The scale and extent of the market continues to grow, with a 12% increase in the number of providers during the quarter to 850.

Providers and Markets

This section contains information on registered service providers and the market, with key provider and market indicators presented.

Provider registration

- To provide supports to NDIS participants, a service provider is required to register and be approved by the NDIA.
- Providers register with the NDIA by submitting a registration request, indicating the types of support (registration groups) they are accredited to provide.
- Providers are approved to deliver disability supports and services to participants of the NDIS if they have at least one registration group approved.

How providers interact with participants

- NDIS participants have the flexibility to choose the providers who support them.
- Providers are paid for disability supports and services provided to the participants.

Key Statistics

850
APPROVED
PROVIDERS

65-90%
OF PAYMENTS
MADE BY THE
NDIA ARE
RECEIVED BY
25% OF
PROVIDERS

20%
OF SERVICE
PROVIDERS ARE
INDIVIDUAL/SOLE
TRADERS

ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONAL CARE AND SAFETY HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF APPROVED SERVICE PROVIDERS, FOLLOWED BY PERSONAL MOBILITY EQUIPMENT AND THERAPEUTIC SUPPORTS

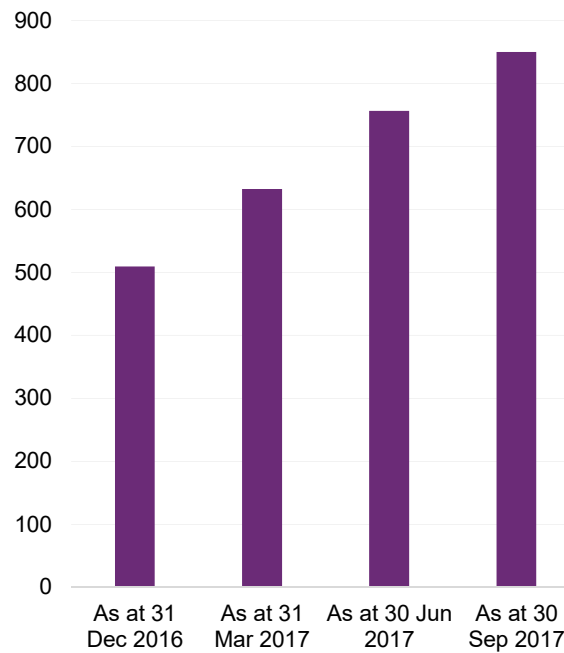
Providers and Markets

Increase in number of providers over time.

As at 30 September 2017, there were 850 registered service providers of which 169 were individual/sole trader operated business while the remaining 681 providers were registered as a company or organisation.

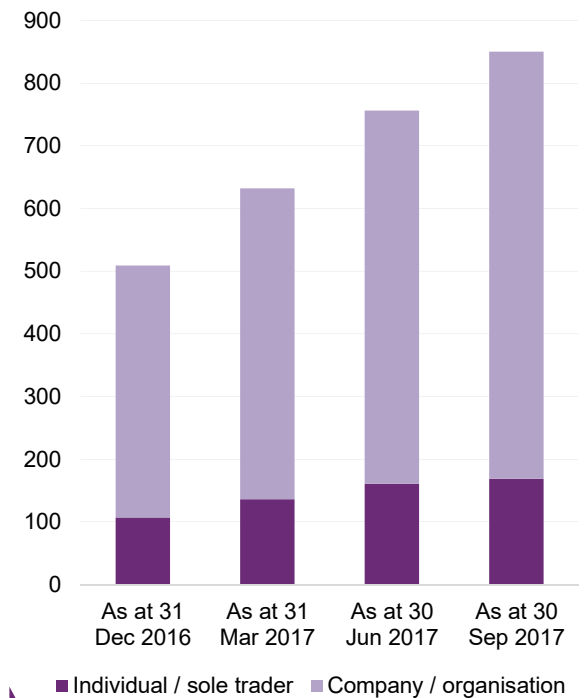
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AVERAGE NUMBER
OF PROVIDERS PER
PARTICIPANT

Approved providers over time



The number of approved service providers increased by 12% from 756 to 850 in the quarter.

Type of provider



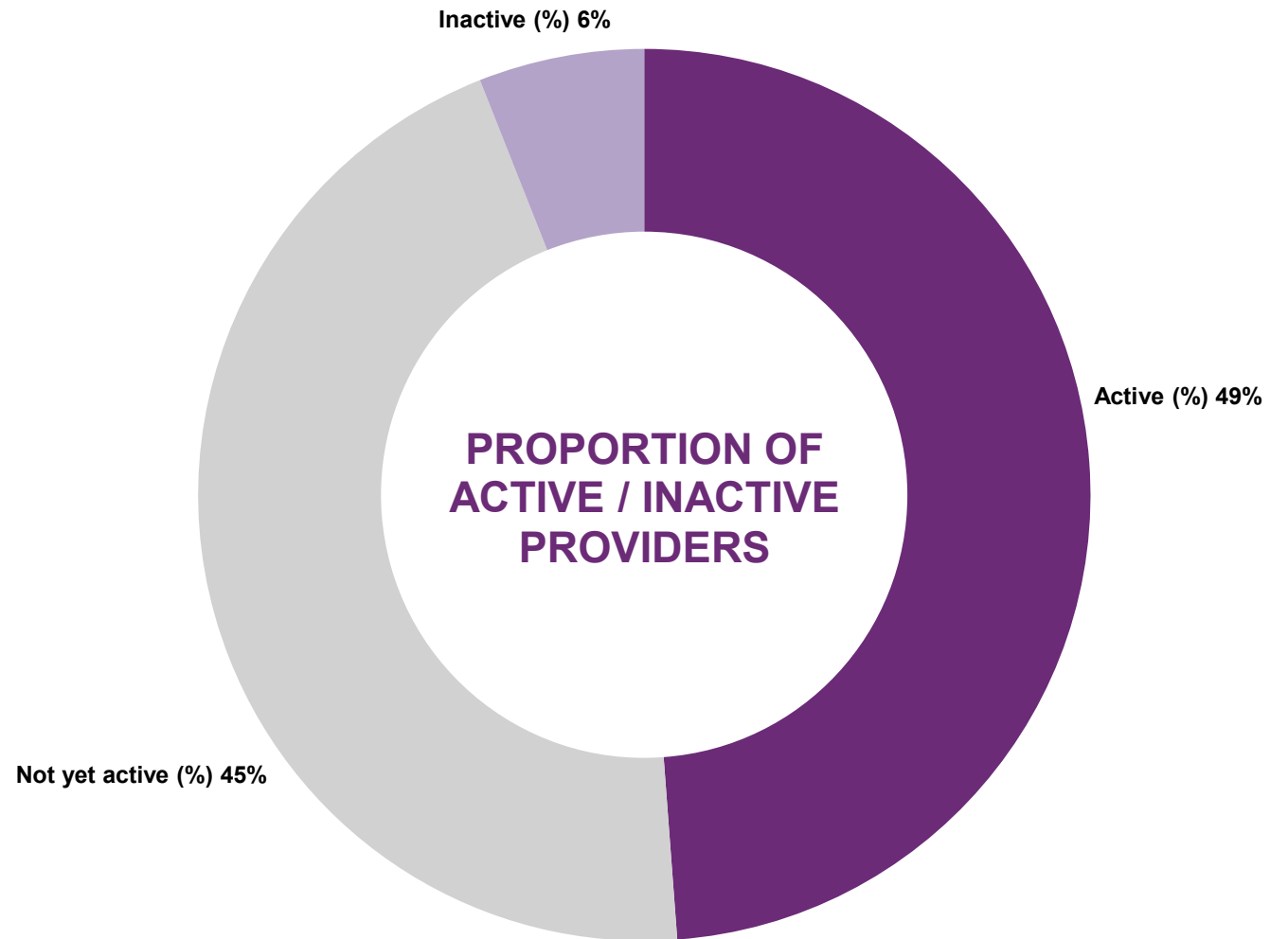
20% of approved service providers are individual/sole traders.

Providers and Markets

Change in the activity status of providers.

As at 30 September 2017, 49% of providers were active in the last quarter, 45% were yet to have evidence of activity and 6% were inactive. Of the overall stock of providers, 91 providers began delivering new supports in the quarter.

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NUMBER OF PROVIDERS DELIVERING NEW SUPPORTS



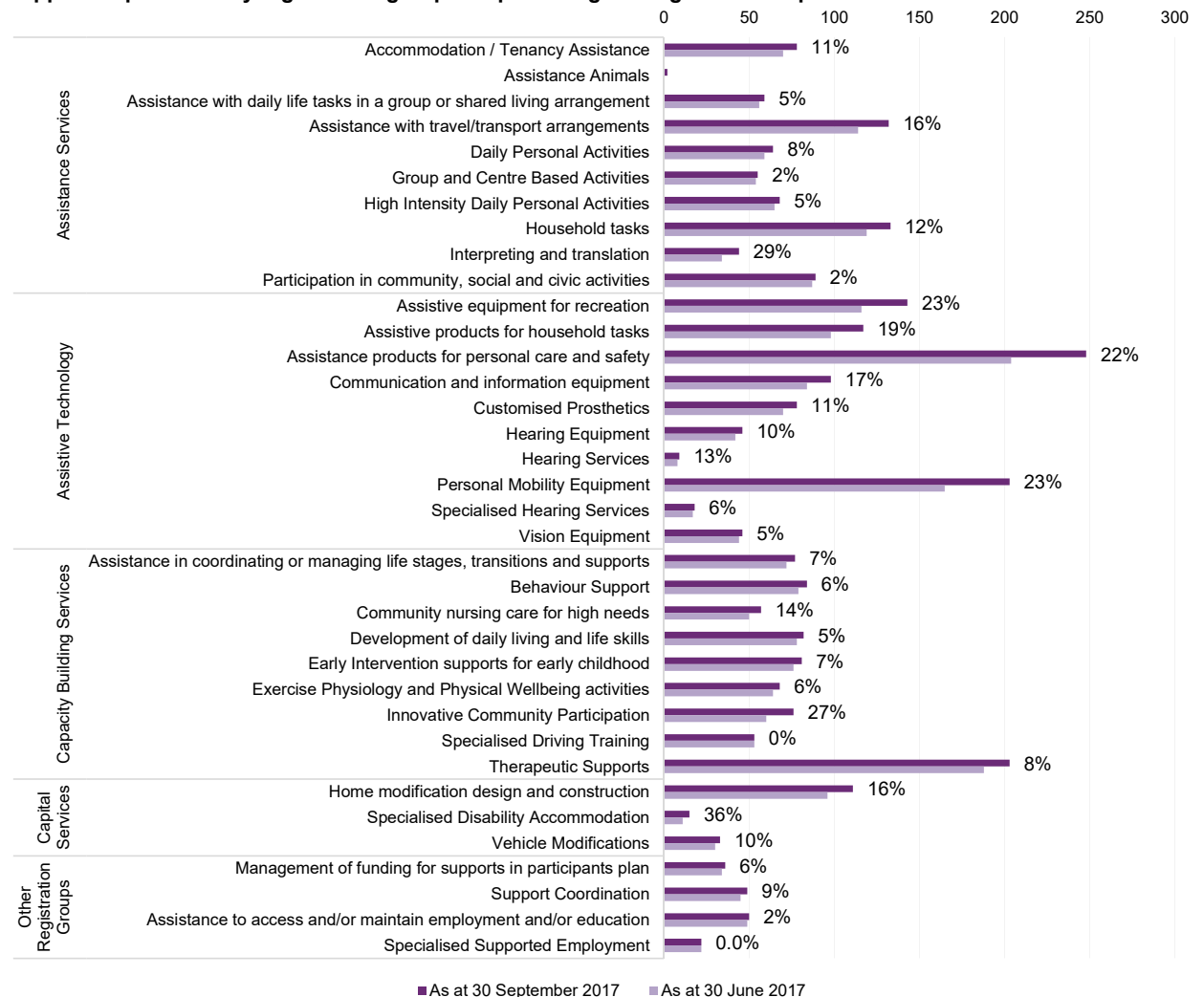
Registration groups

The increase in approved providers from 30 June 2017 to 30 September 2017 varies by registration group.

Assistance products for personal care and safety has the highest number of approved service providers and has seen a 22% increase since the previous quarter.

The largest percentage increase in approved providers was for the Specialised Disability Accommodation registration group in the quarter. This was followed by Interpreting and translation, Innovative Community Participation and Assistive equipment for recreation.

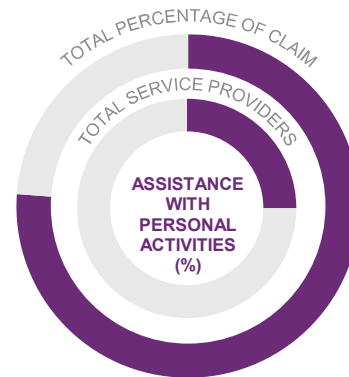
Approved providers by registration group and percentage change over the quarter



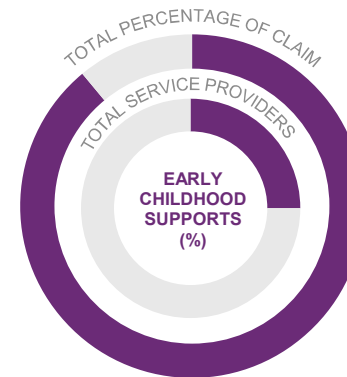
Market share of top providers

25% of service providers received 65-90% of the dollars paid for major registration groups.

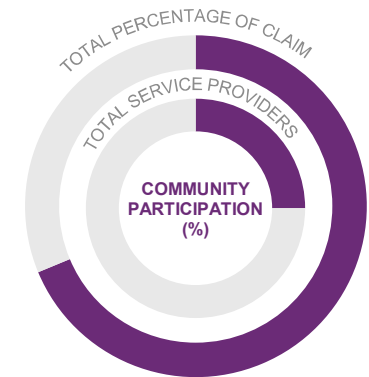
Market share of the top 25% of providers by registration group.



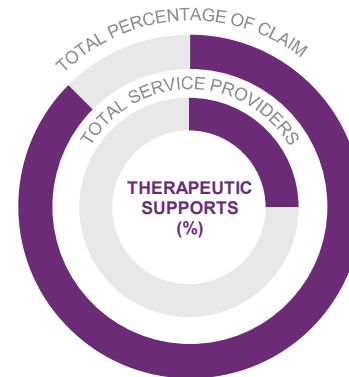
76%



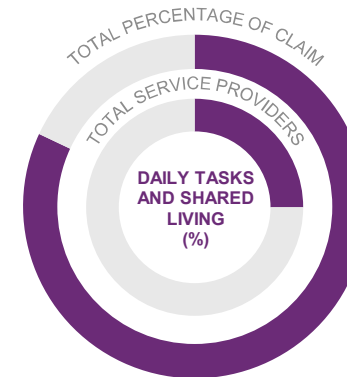
89%



69%



87%



82%

25% of providers have received 76% of payments during the quarter of 2017-18 Q1 for Assistance with Personal Activities.

Information, Linkages and Capacity Building

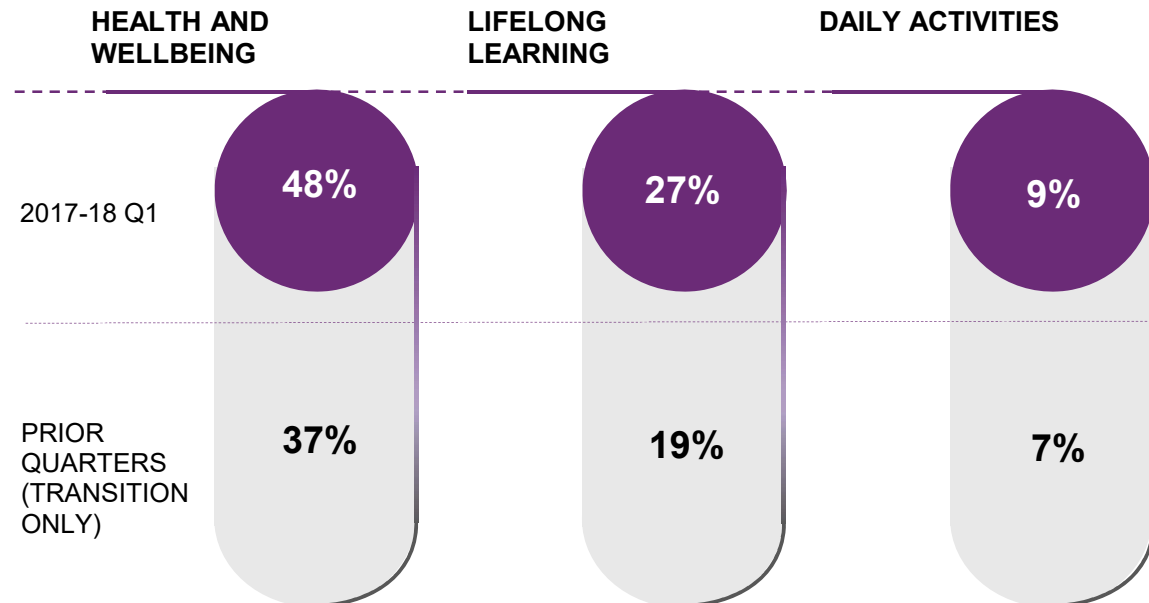
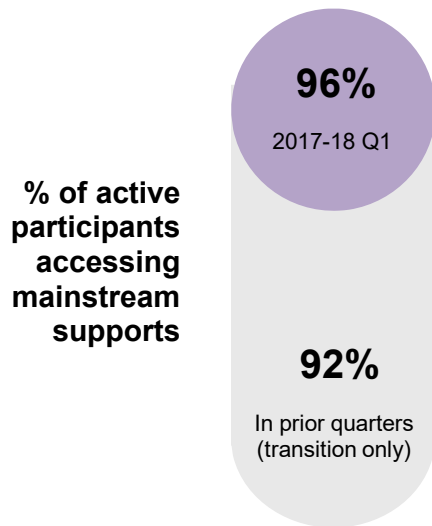
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Mainstream Interface

The proportion of participants entering in the current quarter accessing mainstream services is higher compared to prior quarters.

Mainstream Interface

96% of active participants with a plan approved in 2017-18 Q1 access mainstream services, an increase from prior quarters. Participants are accessing mainstream services predominantly for health and wellbeing, lifelong learning and daily activities.



Financial Sustainability

Financial Sustainability was covered in the national version of the COAG Quarterly Performance Report.