

From: [REDACTED] Shaun on behalf of media
 To: Swainson, Matthew; media
 Cc: Gifford, David; Lilley, Jessica; COLLINS, Jo; [REDACTED] Julian; [REDACTED] Ellen; media; [REDACTED] Shaun
 Subject: For urgent clearance - SMH/Age data enquiry on developmental delay and autism data [SEC=OFFICIAL]
 Date: Friday, 22 August 2025 5:52:51 PM

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 Prior approvals including from David Gifford and Jess Lilley.
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 To: [REDACTED] Julian; media
 Cc: [REDACTED] Ellen
 Subject: For urgent clearance - SMH/Age enquiry on developmental delay and autism data - supplementary questions [SEC=OFFICIAL]
 Date: Friday, 22 August 2025 5:06:07 PM

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Sent: Friday, 22 August 2025 3:04 PM

To: s47E(d) - certain operations of agencies

Cc: [REDACTED], Meng <Meng.Ys47F - personal privacy>; Stransky, Nicole <Nicole.Stransky2@ndis.gov.au>; Gifford, David <David.Gifford@ndis.gov.au>

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Sent: Friday, 22 August 2025 14:21

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Cc: media <media@ndis.gov.au>; Jo <Jo.s47F - personal privacy>; Julian <Julian.s47F - personal privacy>; Ellen <Ellen.s47F - personal privacy>; Shaun <Shaun.s47F - personal privacy>

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 Subject: FOR URGENT CLEARANCE: data for SMH/Age [SEC=OFFICIAL]
 Date: Friday, 22 August 2025 5:58:01 PM

Hi Lucy and Leon,

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Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 1:39 PM

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Subject: Re: 1pm request: Response for SMH/Age enquiry on children 0-8 Scheme costs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

This is good to go thanks

From: [REDACTED], Leonidas <Leonidas.s47F - personal privacy>
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 11:55:35 AM
To: media <media@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Shaun <Shaun.s47F - personal privacy>; [REDACTED] Enya <Enya.s47F - personal privacy>; [REDACTED], Keely <Keely.s47F - personal privacy>; [REDACTED], Lucy <Lucy.s47F - personal privacy>; [REDACTED], Isabella <Isabella.s47F - personal privacy>; [REDACTED], Lucy <Lucy.s47F - personal privacy>
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 Hey Shaun!
 Please just continue to hold fire for the moment. We'll let you know when there are green lights from our end.
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 Leon

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On 22 August 2025 at 12:05:02 pm AEST, media <media@ndis.gov.au> wrote:

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To: Enya <Enya.s47F - personal privacy>; Keely <keely.s47F - personal privacy>; Lucy <Lucy.s47F - personal privacy>; Isabella <Isabella.s47F - personal privacy>; Leon <Leonidas.s47F - personal privacy>; [REDACTED]
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Media enquiry	
Journalist/outlet	Natassia Chrysanthos / SMH/Age
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Date: Friday, 22 August 2025 2:58:17 PM

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From: [Shaun](#)
To: [Swainson, Matthew](#); [media](#)
Cc: [Gifford, David](#); [Lilley, Jessica](#); [COLLINS, Jo](#); [Julian](#); [Ellen](#)
Subject: RE: For urgent clearance - SMH/Age data enquiry on developmental delay and autism data [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 22 August 2025 5:54:12 PM

Thanks Matt.

From: Swainson, Matthew
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 5:54 PM
To: media
Cc: Gifford, David ; Lilley, Jessica ; COLLINS, Jo ; [Julian](#) ; [Ellen](#) ; [Shaun](#)
Subject: Re: For urgent clearance - SMH/Age data enquiry on developmental delay and autism data [SEC=OFFICIAL]
 Cleared, thanks Shaun.

From: [Shaun](#) <[Shaun](#) <[s47F - personal privacy](#)> on behalf of media <[media@ndis.gov.au](#)>
Sent: 22 August 2025 5:52 PM
To: Swainson, Matthew <[Matthew.Swainson@ndis.gov.au](#)>; media <[media@ndis.gov.au](#)>
Cc: Gifford, David <[David.Gifford@ndis.gov.au](#)>; Lilley, Jessica <[Jessica.Lilley@ndis.gov.au](#)>; COLLINS, Jo <[Jo.COLLINS@ndis.gov.au](#)>; [Julian](#) <[Julian](#) <[s47F - personal privacy](#)>>, [Ellen](#) <[Ellen](#) <[s47F - personal privacy](#)>>; media <[media@ndis.gov.au](#)>; [Shaun](#) <[Shaun](#) <[s47F - personal privacy](#)>>
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Subject: FW: SMH/Age enquiry on developmental delay and autism data - supplementary questions [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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To: Lilley, Jessica <Jessica.Lilley@ndis.gov.au>; s47E(d) - certain operations of agencies
Cc: s47F - personal, Meng <Meng.s47F - personal privacy>; Stransky, Nicole <Nicole.Stransky2@ndis.gov.au>
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Chief Data Officer and General Manager, Analytics, Data and Actuarial

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Sent: Friday, 22 August 2025 3:04 PM
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Thanks Joey and team – this is cleared.

Jessica Lilley

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From: s47E(d) - certain operations of agencies

Sent: Friday, 22 August 2025 14:26

To: media <media@ndis.gov.au>; s47E(d) - certain operations of agencies >

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From: Shaun <Shaun s47F - personal privacy> **On Behalf Of** media

Sent: Friday, 22 August 2025 14:21

To: s47E(d) - certain operations of agencies

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Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 1:52 PM

To: media <media@ndis.gov.au>

Subject: Re: SMH/Age inquiry for data [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks Shaun - are there numbers for how many children that involved?

And would there be a comparable figure for the 9-14 age group?

Natassia Chrysanthos | Federal politics reporter

The Sydney Morning Herald and The Age

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n.chrysanthos@nine.com.au

The Sydney Morning Herald



On Fri, 22 Aug 2025 at 1:49 pm, media <media@ndis.gov.au> wrote:

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Thanks Carrie

Approved

Jo

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From: [\[REDACTED\]](#), Carrie **On Behalf Of** media

Sent: Friday, 22 August 2025 4:51 PM

To: COLLINS, Jo

Cc: media ; [\[REDACTED\]](#), Julian ; [\[REDACTED\]](#), Shaun ; [\[REDACTED\]](#) Ellen

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Importance: High

Hi Jo

Progressing this one for Shaun as the journalist needs our response by **6pm today**.

Q&A statement below for your urgent review please.

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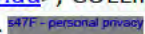
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Appreciate it – thanks Enya.

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See below cleared factual data responses for Natassia.

She has asked for it back by 6pm. Can you please review and respond ASAP.

Regards and thanks,

Shaun

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2. What are comparable figures (cost and total children) for the 9-14 age group?

In the 2024-25 financial year, the NDIS provided \$1.3 billion in payments for 94,421 participants aged 9-14 with developmental delay and mild to moderate autism.
 ends

From: [REDACTED], Shaun On Behalf Of media
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 2:58 PM
To: [REDACTED], Lucy; [REDACTED] Leonidas; media; [REDACTED] Shaun; [REDACTED] Enya; [REDACTED] Keely; [REDACTED] Isabella; [REDACTED] Lucy
Cc: COLLINS, Jo; [REDACTED] Julian; [REDACTED] Ellen
Subject: FYI - follow-up questions from SMH/Age on children 0-8 Scheme costs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Lucy and Leon,

See follow questions from Natassia.

We're seeking answers and will send through to you.

Shaun

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From: [REDACTED], Lucy <Lucy [REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 1:39 PM

To: [REDACTED], Leonidas <Leonidas[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; media <media@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Shaun <Shaun[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Enya <Enya[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Keely <Keely[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Isabella <Isabella[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Lucy <Lucy[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>
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Subject: Re: 1pm request: Response for SMH/Age enquiry on children 0-8 Scheme costs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

This is good to go thanks

From: [REDACTED] Leonidas <Leonidas[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 11:55:35 AM

To: media <media@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Shaun <Shaun[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Enya <Enya[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Keely <Keely[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Lucy <Lucy[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Isabella <Isabella[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Lucy <Lucy[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>
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Subject: Re: 1pm request: Response for SMH/Age enquiry on children 0-8 Scheme costs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hey Shaun!

Please just continue to hold fire for the moment. We'll let you know when there are green lights from our end.

Cheers,

Leon

 Sent from [Workspace ONE Boxer](#)

On 22 August 2025 at 12:05:02 pm AEST, media <media@ndis.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Lucy,
 Natassia is following up on this one – are you able to let me know thoughts by 1pm?
 Regards,
 Shaun

From: [REDACTED], Shaun <Shaun[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:05 PM

To: Enya <Enya[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; Keely <Keely[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Lucy <Lucy[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; Isabella <Isabella[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; Leon <Leonidas[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Lucy <Lucy[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>

Cc: COLLINS, Jo <Jo.COLLINS@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Julian <Julian[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Ellen <Ellen[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>; media <media@ndis.gov.au>; [REDACTED], Shaun <Shaun[REDACTED]@ndis.gov.au>

Subject: Response for SMH/Age enquiry on children 0-8 Scheme costs [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Lucy,

As foreshadowed, see cleared Agency factual response for Natassia Chrysanthos.

I understand you'll let me know thoughts in the morning.

Regards,

Shaun

Media enquiry	
Journalist/outlet	Natassia Chrysanthos / SMH/Age
Enquiry topic	Scheme costs: "children with development delay or mild to moderate autism:
Background information	- Answering "children with development delay or mild to moderate autism", not "early intervention"
Questions	As discussed, I'm keen to know how much of the scheme is spent on early intervention (Or alternatively children with mild to moderate development delay or autism, but I suspect that is more difficult). From what I can see in the quarterly report: * There are 173,466 children aged 0 to 8, with an average annual payment of \$19,100 This would make a 2024-25 spend of \$3.3 billion on that age group (under 9s) * I can also see, in another section, that active participant plans under early intervention alone total 235,728 participants. But I can't see the average annualised payment to that group Let me know if your team has an appropriate figure on hand? Or if that \$3.3 billion figure is too blunt to be accurate?
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Cc: COLLINS, Jo; [REDACTED] Julian; [REDACTED] Ellen; [REDACTED] Shaun
Subject: Re: SMH/Age enquiry on developmental delay and autism data - supplementary questions [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 22 August 2025 5:13:54 PM

Thanks very much ADA

Regards,

Shaun.

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Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 5:10 pm
To: media; [REDACTED]
Cc: COLLINS, Jo; [REDACTED] Julian; [REDACTED] Ellen; [REDACTED] Shaun
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Thanks Joey - much appreciated.

Shaun.

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 s47F - personal privacy Ellen <Ellen.s47F - personal privacy>; s47F - personal privacy, Shaun
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From: s47F - personal privacy, Shaun <Shaun.s47F - personal privacy> On Behalf Of media

Sent: Friday, 22 August 2025 14:21

To: s47E(d) - certain operations of agencies

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Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 1:52 PM

To: media <media@ndis.gov.au>

Subject: Re: SMH/Age inquiry for data [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Cheers,
Shaun

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Date: Friday, 22 August 2025 2:29:03 PM

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Shaun.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 2:25 pm
To: media; [REDACTED]
Cc: COLLINS, Jo; [REDACTED], Julian; [REDACTED] Ellen; [REDACTED], Shaun
Subject: RE: SMH/Age enquiry on developmental delay and autism data - supplementary questions [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Shaun,

We acknowledge this urgent request and are looking into it.

We will get back to you as soon as the result is ready.

Best regards,

ADA Request team

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Actuary and Director

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From: [REDACTED], Shaun **On Behalf Of** media
Sent: Friday, 22 August 2025 14:21
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: media; COLLINS, Jo; [REDACTED], Julian; [REDACTED] Ellen; [REDACTED], Shaun
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Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 1:52 PM

To: media <media@ndis.gov.au>

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Cc: [media](#)
Subject: RE: SMH/Age inquiry for data [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Friday, 22 August 2025 6:32:07 PM

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