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- As at 30 June 2018, there were 183,965 Australians being supported by the NDIS, representing a 13 per cent growth on previous quarter
- 54,802 participants or almost 1 in 3 had not received State/Territory or Commonwealth support before the NDIS.

183,965 Australians are now benefitting from the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), an increase of 13 per cent on the last quarter, according to the latest COAG NDIS Quarterly Report for 1 April 2018 to 30 June 2018.

The Report shows the positive impact the NDIS is having on people's lives and details the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) progress in implementing the world leading Scheme, including:

- 91 per cent of parents/carers of NDIS participants aged 0 to before school consider the NDIS has helped with their child's development
- 71 per cent of participants aged 25 and over indicated the NDIS has helped them with Daily Living Activities.
- 88 per cent of participants rate their experience with the NDIS as either 'Good' or 'Very Good'.
- The provider market has experienced substantial growth with 16,755 registered providers, representing a 17 per cent increase on last quarter.

NDIA CEO Robert De Luca said the NDIS was gaining momentum as it continued to roll out across Australia.

"The NDIS is now fully operational in New South Wales, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory with the first regions of Western Australia joining the NDIA administered Scheme on July 1 this year," Mr De Luca said.

"This means hundreds of thousands of Australians are now benefitting from the NDIS and its life changing support, right across the country', Mr De Luca said.

Mr De Luca said that while figures show NDIS participant satisfaction has increased this quarter – up from 84 to 88 per cent, further improvement work is under way to ensure a quality and consistent experience for people with disabilities and providers.

"The results of the survey are very encouraging, however, there is still room for improvement and we continue to work on a number of initiatives to further enhance the experience."

The report shows the NDIS continues to be delivered within budget as it has each year since it started in 2013. For more information, the latest COAG NDIS Quarterly Report for 1 April 2018 – 30 June 2018 (external) can be found on the NDIS website.

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