15 May 2021

The NDIA would like to clarify discussion of the Productivity Commission's 2017 report on NDIS Scheme costs.

The $30.6 billion estimated by the PC for the year 2024-25 consisted of:

- $28.5 billion for participant supports; and
- $2.1 billion for NDIA operating costs

As stated in the 2021-22 Budget, participant supports costs are estimated to reach $31.9 billion in 2024-25.

Comparing like for like, the PBS figure is $3.4 billion or 12% higher than the $28.5 billion forecasted for participant supports in the Productivity Commission 2017 report.

The 2017 PC report is clear the figure of $30.6 billion includes Agency operating costs (see page 100, Table 2.3).

$billion	PC report (without operating cost)	2020-21 Current PBS	Difference
2020-21	22.2	23.297	1.097
2021-22	23.7	26.487	2.787
2022-23	25.2	28.257	3.057
2023-24	26.8	29.425	2.625
2024-25	28.5	31.884	3.384
Total 2021-25	126.4	139.35	12.95

Note: Table 2.3 on page 100 of the 2017 PC Report combined Budget outcomes 1.1 (participant costs) and 1.3 (NDIA operating costs). The above table excludes operating costs to ensure comparison with PBS on a comparable basis. Table 2.3 only provided costs for 2019-20 and 2024-25. The intervening years are calculated based on an average growth rate of 6.5 per cent per year.

Related articles

Media statement – Clarification on NDIS AAT applications

Date
5 December 2021

Clarification on assistance technology support under $5,000

Date
20 December 2019

National Disability Insurance Agency Statement – NDIS Expenditure

Date
30 September 2019
Read more news