Full roll-out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme

2016 Budget

What was announced in the 2016 Budget?

This Budget provides funding for the full roll-out of the NDIS across Queensland and the Northern Territory, and to extend and expand the Western Australia trial sites. This will provide certainty for people with disabilities, their families and carers living in these communities.

Savings of $711.2 million, resulting from agreed phasing for the NDIS in these jurisdictions, will be committed to the NDIS Savings Fund Special Account, once established, for re-investment in the NDIS.

Working with States and Territories

Bilateral agreements between the Commonwealth and the states and territory governments set out arrangements for the transition. Agreements for the full roll-out of the NDIS are now in place with seven states and territories, covering around 90 per cent of potential NDIS participants. The Commonwealth and the West Australian governments have agreed to finalise arrangements for the full rollout of the NDIS in Western Australia by the end of 2016 for commencement of transition from 1 July 2017.

In Western Australia, we have agreed to extend the NDIA and Western Australia NDIS trials for an additional year, and expand them into new locations. This will give certainty to nearly 11,000 current and future participants of the comparative trials in Western Australia that they can expect ongoing support. The Commonwealth Government will invest $213.5 million for this extension and expansion of the WA trials.

In Queensland, the Bilateral Agreement for Transition provides a staged area by area roll-out, building on the early transition sites in Townsville, Charters Towers and Palm Island. In the Northern Territory, the Bilateral Agreement for Transition provides for a staged area by area roll-out, building on the lessons from the Barkly region trial site, embedding Indigenous and rural and remote
implementation strategies to ensure people living in the Northern Territory receive the best possible support as the scheme is rolled out.

The Commonwealth Government has committed $4.9 billion over the forward estimates for transition to full scheme in Queensland and $422 million for the Northern Territory transition.

**NDIS costs**

Costs for the NDIS are currently in line with Government estimates, and expenditure is being closely monitored. A Productivity Commission review in 2017 will ensure the NDIS costs and budget remain on track.

**Key facts**

- The transition to the full NDIS will mean an increase from 30,000 to an estimated 460,000 participants.
- The NDIS is a jointly funded partnership between the Commonwealth and state and territory governments.
- Agreements have been signed with seven states and territories to fully roll-out the NDIS.
- This means that transition arrangements will be in place for around 90 per cent of potential participants for the NDIS.
- Governments will continue to work together to establish the best options for disability services in WA.
- Savings have been committed to the NDIS Savings Fund Special Account to meet future NDIS costs.
- A new Quality and Safeguarding system is being developed for full scheme.

**More information**

For more information about this measure and other Department of Social Services' Budget measures, visit the [Department of Social Services](https://www.dss.gov.au) website. For further information on the NDIS visit [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au).

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