

**Question on notice no. 1019**

**Portfolio question number: NDIA SQ25-000146**

**2025-26 Supplementary Budget estimates**

**Community Affairs Committee, Health, Disability and Ageing Portfolio**

**Senator Jordon Steele-John:** asked the National Disability Insurance Agency on 17 October 2025—

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b.Please provide this data broken down by disability / impairment type.

c.Please also provide the percentage of total plan funding that has been cut from these plans.

**Answer —**

Please see attached answer.

# **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

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Answer to Question on Notice

Health, Disability and Ageing Portfolio

**Topic:** Funding Periods

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**Senator:** Jordon Steele-John

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## **Answer:**

2. Since 19 May 2025, 105,694 National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants have had a 3 month funding period applied to their plan, noting that funding periods can apply to the total funding amount (whole plan) or specific funding components. Of the 105,694 participants, 104,964 remained active participants as at 30 September 2025.

a. Of these 104,964 participants:

- 21,056 (20%) had a reduction in the annualised value of their plan;
- 49,974 (48%) participants had an increase to the annualised value of their plan, noting these changes may include indexation impacts;
- 184 (<1%) participants had no change to their annualised plan value;
- 33,750 (32%) participants had no prior plan as they were predominantly new entrants to the Scheme.

b. The primary disability breakdown of the 21,056 participants who had a reduction of their plan at plan reassessment is provided in the following table:

Primary Disability	Participant Count
ABI	866
Autism	6,333
Cerebral Palsy	843
Developmental delay	1,903
Down Syndrome	354
Global developmental delay	603
Hearing impairment	499
Intellectual disability	2,980
Missing	<11
Multiple Sclerosis	477
Other	608
Other neurological	1,134
Other physical	908
Other sensory/speech	<20
Psychosocial disability	2,292
Spinal cord injury	380
Stroke	553
Visual impairment	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,056</b>

c. The average annualised percentage reduction in plan funding for these 21,056 participant plans was 22.5%.