

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Disabilities:

NDIS

1. **Can you provide the number of NDIS providers in the Northern Territory? Please provide a breakdown by type of provider and region.**

The data requested is publically available on the National Disability Insurance Agency's (NDIA) Data and Insights website (<https://data.ndis.gov.au>) and the NDIS Quarterly Report to disability ministers, Quarter 4 2021-22. (<https://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/publications/quarterly-reports>)

In the last quarter (April to June 2022) there were 327 active NDIS providers in the Northern Territory.

Active NDIS providers by Region in the Northern Territory (April to June 2022, Quarter 4).

Service District Location	Active NDIS providers (April to June 2022)
Darwin Urban	237
Darwin Remote	60
East Arnhem	37
Katherine	70
Barkly	41
Central Australia	129
Other	50

Note: this is not a unique number as providers can operate across more than one region.

2. **What, if any, Northern Territory Government initiatives are currently aimed at facilitating more NDIS providers in regional/remote areas of the Territory? What is the budget for these and what was expended in the 2021/22 financial year?**

The first three-year action plan (2022–2025) of the Northern Territory Disability Strategy has prioritised improving access to services for people with disability in remote locations, including disability services, health services, education services, community services and other types of services.

Some key actions to increase the choice of quality, culturally competent disability service providers across the Territory are to:

- Strengthen and grow partnerships with urban and remote Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations to provide age and disability services and programs. This will include partnership arrangements with:
 - Thamarrurr Development Corporation, in Wadeye
 - Wurli Wurlijang, in Katherine
 - Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, in Alice Springs
 - Danila Dilba Health Services, in Greater Darwin, and consultations with other Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations to explore options.
- Build the local disability services sector workforce and support local employment in the disability sector.
- Increase the number of disability service providers and NDIS registered providers operating in the Territory.
- Connect Small Business Champions with key stakeholders to continue supporting registered providers and those intending to enter the market, to build capacity and capability.

The Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Northern Territory on the National Disability Insurance Scheme outlines the Northern Territory financial contribution of \$112 million in 2021-22.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), that oversees the Scheme, is carrying out market intervention projects in the following locations in the Northern Territory:

- East Arnhem – All supports
- Katherine - All supports
- Ngukurr - improved daily living – OT functional assessments and ongoing supports
- West Daly - increased social and community and civic participation
- Darwin - Capacity Building - Early Childhood Early Intervention – OT and Speech Pathology
- Tiwi Islands - Capacity Building - improved daily living – speech therapy and ongoing supports
- West Arnhem - Capacity Building - improved daily living – speech therapy and ongoing supports
- Barkly and Central Desert - All supports / Capacity Building - assistance with social, economic and community participation

In addition, the following market interventions in the Northern Territory have been completed:

- Katherine – Assistive Technology assessments
- Alice Springs and MacDonnell – All supports