

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Yan to the Minister for Disabilities:

Budget Allocation

- 1. Can you please explain the nearly \$5m increase in funding for disability services on 2022/23 Budget Paper 3, page 155? What is funded under this output? Please provide as much detail as possible.**

The initial budgeted amount for disability services in 2021-22 financial year was \$114,888,000 which was revised to \$115,564,000. The 2022-23 budgeted amount is \$119,599,000. The difference in the latter two amounts being \$4.035m.

The budget increase is a due to the Northern Territory's continued contribution to the Bilateral Agreement with the Australian Government, to support the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The budgeted annual funding contribution for NDIS for 2022-23 is \$116.5 million. This is indexed at 4 per cent per annum. The Territory's continued contribution ensures that all Territorians under the scheme can continue to use and benefit from it.

- 2. How many staff are currently employed in the Office of Disability Services? What are their roles and levels?**

SAO2 x 1 - Director
AO7 x 4 – Policy Officers

- 3. How much of the 2022/23 budget will fund disability advocacy services?**

\$697,913

- 4. How much of the 2022/23 budget will fund the implementation of NDIS in the Northern Territory?**

\$116,475,000

- 5. Are there any KPIs associated with this output? What are they?**

Budget Paper No. 3 identifies the following Key Performance Indicator for the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Territory Families, Housing and Communities	2020-21	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget
Active participants with an approved National Disability Insurance Scheme Plan ¹	4,196	4,500	4,950

¹ The variation in 2022-23 is to align the target with current trends.