



| Disability Rights and Services - NDIS Reforms - Restore sexual supports to the NDIS  |                   |
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| Party:   | Australian Greens |
| Summary of proposal:<br><br>The proposal would remove the legislative ban on provision of sexual supports under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and use National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) departmental funds to develop a comprehensive sexuality policy.<br><br>This proposal would start from 1 July 2025. |                   |

### Costing overview

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has determined that the estimated financial impact of this proposal is unquantifiable due to insufficient data and the significant level of uncertainty.

The PBO sought information from the NDIA in relation to NDIS sexual support expenditure and the number of participants receiving funding for sexual supports. The NDIA's response to the PBO information request advised that the NDIA does not maintain structured data on sexual support expenditure. The NDIA indicated that any extraction of payment data would need to be undertaken manually and require a significant diversion of resources, which would not be feasible.

The proposal would be expected to have a negative financial impact and likely increase expenses. However, without reliable data there is significant uncertainty around the number of NDIS participants who would receive funding towards sexual supports, and the magnitude of this funding for each participant.

The proposal would be expected to have an impact beyond the 2025-26 Budget forward estimates period. The unquantifiable financial implications (including separate public debt interest (PDI) tables) over the period to 2035-36 is provided at Attachment A.

**Table 1: Disability Rights and Services - NDIS Reforms - Restore sexual supports to the NDIS – Financial implications (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)</sup>**

|                         | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | Total to 2028-29 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|
| Fiscal balance          | *       | *       | *       | *       | *                |
| Underlying cash balance | *       | *       | *       | *       | *                |

(a) A positive number represents an increase in the relevant budget balance; a negative number represents a decrease.

(b) PDI impacts are not included in the totals.

\* Unquantifiable – not included in totals.

## Methodology

The estimated expenditure on sexual supports was not able to be quantified due to insufficient data availability and significant uncertainty around the number of individuals who would receive funding towards sexual supports, and magnitude of funding for each, under individual NDIS plans.

## Data sources

Commonwealth of Australia (2025) *Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2025*, Commonwealth of Australia.

## Attachment A – Disability Rights and Services - NDIS Reforms - Restore sexual supports to the NDIS – Financial implications

**Table A1: Disability Rights and Services - NDIS Reforms - Restore sexual supports to the NDIS – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)</sup>**

|                                   | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 2031-32 | 2032-33 | 2033-34 | 2034-35 | 2035-36 | Total to<br>2028-29 | Total to<br>2035-36 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Expenses</b>                   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                     |                     |
| <b>Administered</b>               |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |                     |                     |
| <i>Sexual support expenditure</i> | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *                   | *                   |
| <b>Total – expenses</b>           | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *                   | *                   |
| <b>Total (excluding PDI)</b>      | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *                   | *                   |

(a) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

(b) This costing includes an unquantifiable aspect.

\* Unquantifiable – not included in totals.

**Table A2: Disability Rights and Services - NDIS Reforms - Restore sexual supports to the NDIS – Memorandum item: Public Debt Interest (PDI) impacts – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)<sup>(a)(b)(c)</sup>**

|                                | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 2031-32 | 2032-33 | 2033-34 | 2034-35 | 2035-36 | Total to<br>2028-29 | Total to<br>2035-36 |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Fiscal balance</b>          | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *                   | *                   |
| <b>Underlying cash balance</b> | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *       | *                   | *                   |

(a) As this table is presented as a memorandum item, these figures are not reflected in the totals above. This is consistent with the approach taken in the budget where the budget impact of most measures is presented excluding the impact on PDI. If the reader would like a complete picture of the total aggregate, then these figures would need to be added to the figures above. For further information on government borrowing and financing please refer to the PBO's online budget glossary.<sup>1</sup>

(b) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

(c) This costing includes an unquantifiable aspect.

\* Unquantifiable – not included in totals.

<sup>1</sup> [Online budget glossary – Parliamentary Budget Office \(pbo.gov.au\)](https://pbo.gov.au/online-budget-glossary)