



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION
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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports and Budget Estimates 2020-21
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Elizabeth Kikkert:

In relation to: Number of NDIS participants
CSD Annual Reports 2019–20, page 49.

1. The Annual Reports note that there was a higher than anticipated number of participants entering the NDIS (actual result of 9027 as opposed to the original target of 7544). It was mentioned that this was especially the case for children ages 0–6 and 7–14. How many NDIS participants belong in each of these age ranges?
 - a. Has the ACT Government identified any reasons for the higher than anticipated number of children NDIS participants? If so, what are the possible reasons?

Emma Davidson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

1. The Commonwealth provides quarterly reports to disability ministers with information (including statistics) on National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants, funding or provision of support for each jurisdiction, including the ACT. The current *NDIS Quarterly Report to disability ministers* (31 December 2020) is publicly available at <https://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/publications/quarterly-reports>, which, includes detailed statistics of children and young people in the Scheme, in the ACT.
 - a. The ACT Government has not identified a specific reason why there are higher than anticipated numbers of young people in the NDIS however, are pleased with Scheme maturity in the ACT and that there are more eligible children and young people accessing NDIS supports they need, to live the life they choose.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Signature:

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By the Minister for Disability, Emma Davidson MLA