# APPENDIX C – Tasmania PLANNED INTAKE OF PARTICIPANTS

1. This appendix supersedes Appendix B and sets out the agreed quarterly intake of participants. This quarterly timetable schedule has been designed to facilitate an orderly intake of participants to the NDIS.
2. This intake has been designed giving consideration to:
	1. ensuring there is an appropriate balance of:
		1. participants with varying needs of support;
		2. existing and new participants; and
	2. alignment of the number of participants and their support needs with Agency operational capacity.
3. The planned yearly intake of participants is set out below:
	1. for 2013-14, a total of 792;
	2. for 2014-15, a total of 114; and
	3. for 2015-16, a total of 63.
4. For 2013-14, the following approach will be used to determine the timeframes for facilitation of planning under the NDIS for those participants in 2013-14 namely:
	1. participants from the needs register in receipt of or expressing a need for Individual Support and/or Community Access;
	2. new participants 15-17 years old who require transition planning (including school leavers and people in out of home care);
	3. people in receipt of mental health services; and
	4. other new participants.
5. It is estimated that the above approach will result in the following participant numbers per quarter:

Quarter 1 July – September 2013

Total anticipated participant 213

Priority in the first quarter will be given to:

* students with disability leaving school in 2013;
* young people in receipt of or seeking an individual support package and/or a community access package; and
* young people transitioning from state care (formal out of home care arrangements);

Quarter 2 October – December 2013

Total anticipated participants 174

Priority in the second quarter will be given to:

* students with disability leaving school in 2013;
* young people in receipt of or seeking an individual support package and/or a community access package;
* young people transitioning from state care; and
* young people in receipt of mental health services.

Quarter 3 January – March 2014

Total anticipated participant 182

Priority in the third quarter will be given to:

* students with a disability 15 – 17;
* young people in receipt of or seeking an individual support package and/or a community access package;
* young people in receipt of mental health services; and
* young people receiving flexible respite assistance.

Quarter 4 April – June 2014

Total anticipated participant 223

Priority in the fourth quarter will be given to:

* students with a disability 15 – 17;
* young people in receipt of or seeking an individual support package and/or a community access package;
* young people receiving therapy; and
* young people living in large residential facilities.
1. Within these mechanisms, the Parties agree that the Agency may also apply other administrative criteria to facilitate participants’ access to the scheme in a way that is equitable and transparent.
2. The Commonwealth will use the State phasing methodology for Commonwealth participants currently accessing both Commonwealth and State programs. Participants in Commonwealth programs not listed in paragraph 5 above will be equitably phased into the NDIS.
3. The above estimated participant intake flow is based on:
	1. the known number of people who are currently receiving existing disability services;
	2. the known number of people who are on the needs register for existing disability services;
	3. an estimate of the likely number of new participants as yet not known to the state or Commonwealth systems who may meet the access requirements of the Scheme, but are not covered by other programs; and
	4. and Agency capacity.
4. The Commonwealth and Tasmania will undertake further data management work to revise the estimated participant numbers so that the approach more accurately reflects the number of unique participants that are accessing more than one service type.
5. Participant phasing arrangements for 2014-15 and 2015-16 will be under a similar arrangement including in particular allowing for participants seeking supported accommodation and noting that a number of participants that turn 15 during this time will enter the scheme. Any further participants identified in the categories in paragraph 5 above not already phased in during 2013-14 will be phased in during 2014-15.
6. The phasing arrangements will be subject to adjustment taking into account lessons learnt during 2013-14, and will be agreed between the Agency, Tasmania and the Commonwealth at a future date, with the expectation that 2014‑15 numbers will be agreed no later than 28 February 2014.