Transcript for Victorian Quarterly Performance Dashboard at 31 December 2022

This dashboard provides a quarterly comparison of key statistics relating to active participants and their experience in the Scheme. It also includes key outcomes and participant satisfaction results as well as market characteristics.

## Participants and planning

A table displays the following key statistics on the Victorian participant experience as at 31 December 2022 and 30 September 2022.

• The number of active participants with approved plans increased from 148,007 as at 30 September 2022 to 153,198 as at 31 December 2022.

• The number of children accessing early connections increased from 3,138 as at 30 September 2022 to 3,177 as at 31 December 2022.

• The number of children waiting for early connections decreased from 175 as at 30 September 2022 to 173 as at 31 December 2022.

• The percentage of participants fully or partially self-managing their plan remained stable at 34%, from 30 September 2022 to 31 December 2022.

• The percentage of plans activated within 90 days remained stable at 85%, from 30 September 2022 to 31 December 2022. Participants who joined the Scheme prior to 1 July 2016 and those with initial plans approved after the end of the 2021-22 quarter 4 have been excluded.

• The number of participant plan reassessments completed decreased from 19,731 in the quarter ending 30 September 2022 to 18,685 in the quarter ending 31 December 2022. Plans less than 31 days in duration have been excluded. The new definition is included under section 49 of the NDIS Act (2013) and replaces the previous definition of plan review.

A chart displays the change in active participants between 30 September 2022 and 31 December 2022.

At the beginning of quarter 2 2022-23 there were 148,007 active participants (excluding children accessing early connections). During 2022-23 quarter 2, there were 5,741 plan approvals and 550 participants exited the Scheme or moved to another state or territory. This resulted in 153,198 active participants as at 31 December 2022.

The following key statistics summarise the Victorian performance as at 31 December 2022.

• 162,534 participants (excluding children accessing early connections) have had an approved plan since July 2013. 153,198 of these continue to be active.

• 84,777 active participants have not previously received disability support via State and Commonwealth government programs in the past.

• In the current quarter, 5,741 participants have entered the Scheme and there are 3,177 children accessing early connections at the end of December 2022.

• 18,685 plans have had reassessments this quarter.

• 7,656 access decisions have been made in the quarter, of which 5,969 met access and are still active.

• 265 (4.6%) of the new active participants this quarter identified as First Nations participants, taking the total number of First Nations participants in Victoria to 4,997 (3.3%).

• 593 (10.3%) of the new active participants this quarter are Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, taking the total number of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse participants in Victoria to 17,932 (11.7%). The number of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse participants excludes First Nations participants.

## Participant outcomes and satisfaction

A table displays the following key statistics on Victorian participant outcomes and satisfaction.

For Participant and Scheme Outcome metrics from the Corporate Plan as at 31 December 2022, the Outcome results include participants who have been in the Scheme for at least two years. Trial participants are excluded. Except for the parent and carer employment rate, only participants aged 15 and over are included. The Baseline results are at Scheme entry.

The following four indicators are outcomes measures.

• The participant employment rate increased from 20% at baseline to 21% at the latest reassessment. The Participant Employment Rate metric includes results for participants aged 15 to 64.

• The participant social and community engagement rate increased from 34% at baseline to 39% at the latest reassessment.

• The parent and carer employment rate increased from 45% at baseline to 49% at the latest reassessment.

• The participant perception of choice and control increased from 63% at the first reassessment to 75% at the latest reassessment.

The following results indicate the percentage of participants rating their overall experience as 'Very Good' or 'Good' by pathway stage in current and previous quarters.

• The percentage for the 'Access' stage decreased from 84% in the quarter ending 30 September 2022 to 83% in the quarter ending 31 December 2022.

• The percentage for the 'Pre-planning' stage decreased from 85% in the quarter ending 30 September 2022 to 83% in the quarter ending 31 December 2022.

• The percentage for the 'Planning' stage increased from 84% in the quarter ending 30 September 2022 to 87% in the quarter ending 31 December 2022.

• The percentage for the 'Plan reassessment' stage increased from 71% in the quarter ending 30 September 2022 to 72% in the quarter ending 31 December 2022.

## Participant Service Guarantee

The following statistics concern Participant Service Guarantee metrics. These statistics look at the percentage of cases meeting the Service Guarantee target in the quarters ending 30 September 2022 and 31 December 2022. Participant Service Guarantee results in the previous quarter may be restated due to ongoing logic refinement and changes in data quality.

The following metric is concerned with the General category.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 1: The percentage of explanations of previous decisions made within 28 days after a request for explanation is received decreased from 99% as at 30 September 2022 to 98% as at 31 December 2022.

The following three metrics are concerned with Access.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 2: The percentage of access decisions made or further information requested within 21 days of an access request remained stable at 100%, from 30 September 2022 to 31 December 2022.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 3: The percentage of access decisions allowing 90 days for prospective participants to provide information, after NDIA has requested further information, remained stable at 100%, from 30 September 2022 to 31 December 2022.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 4: The percentage of access decisions made within 14 days of final information being provided remained stable at 99%, from 30 September 2022 to 31 December 2022.

The following three metrics are concerned with Planning.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 5: The percentage of cases where facilitating the preparation of a plan commenced within 21 days of an access decision being made decreased from 97% as at 30 September 2022 to 95% as at 31 December 2022.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 6: The percentage of first plans that were approved within 56 days after access decisions were made, increased from 92% as at 30 September 2022 to 94% as at 31 December 2022.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 7: The percentage of first plans that were approved within 90 days after access decisions were made, for Early Childhood Early Intervention participants, remained stable at 98%, from 30 September 2022 to 31 December 2022. Early Childhood Early Intervention is now known as Early Childhood Approach.

The following metric is concerned with Implementation.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 9: The percentage of cases where a plan implementation meeting was held within 28 days if the participant accepts the offer remained stable at 100%, from 30 September 2022 to 31 December 2022.

The following three metrics are concerned with plan reassessments.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 11: The percentage of cases where facilitating a scheduled plan reassessment commenced at least 56 days prior to the scheduled reassessment date decreased from 89% as at 30 September 2022 to 83% as at 31 December 2022. The NDIA’s new participant check-in process ensures that every plan reassessment begins with a contact from the planner or partner to discuss reassessment options well before any scheduled reassessment date. Plans are extended automatically if they have not been reassessed before the reassessment date so participants have continuity of support.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 12: The percentage of cases where the decision to undertake a Participant Requested Plan Reassessment was made within 21 days decreased from 94% as at 30 September 2022 to 82% as at 31 December 2022. The definition of Participant Reassessment Request is included under section 48 of the NDIS Act (2013) and replaces the previous definition of plan review request.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 13: The percentage of reassessments that were completed within 28 days after the decision to accept the request was made decreased from 81% as at 30 September 2022 to 80% as at 31 December 2022.

The following two metrics are concerned with Amendments.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 14: The percentage of cases where a plan was varied within 28 days after receiving information that triggers the plan amendment process increased from 94% as at 30 September 2022 to 96% as at 31 December 2022.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 15: The percentage of cases where a plan was amended within 50 days after receiving information that relates to a complex quote that triggers a plan amendment process remained stable at 100%, from 30 September 2022 to 31 December 2022.

The following two metrics are concerned with Reviewable Decisions.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 17: The proportion of internal Reviews of Reviewable Decisions that were completed within 60 days after the request was received remained stable at 94%, from 30 September 2022 to 31 December 2022.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 18: The percentage of cases where an Administrative Appeals Tribunal decision was implemented to amend a plan within 28 days after receiving notification of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal decision decreased from 98% as at 30 September 2022 to 97% as at 31 December 2022.

The following two metrics are concerned with Nominees.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 19: The percentage of cases where a participant requested nominee was cancelled within 14 days remained stable at 100%, from 30 September 2022 to 31 December 2022.

• Participant Service Guarantee number 20: The percentage of cases where a Chief Executive Officer initiated nominee was cancelled within 14 days remained stable at 100%, from 30 September 2022 to 31 December 2022.

• The NDIA commenced measuring performance against the Participant Service Guarantee metrics prior to the legislation of the Participant Service Charter and Guarantee. On 30 March 2022, the NDIS Amendment (Participant Service Guarantee and Other Measures) Bill 2021 passed in both houses of Parliament, and received Royal Assent on 1 April 2022. 'NA' means that Participant Service Guarantee results cannot be measured.

## Provider and market metrics

A table displays the following key statistics on Victorian market supply and participant costs as at 31 December 2022 and at 30 September 2022.

• The total number of active providers (with at least one claim ever) increased from 7,041 as at 30 September 2022 to 7,239 as at 31 December 2022. Active providers refer to those who have received payment for supporting Agency-managed participants.

• The total number of active providers in the last quarter increased from 2,778 as at 30 September 2022 to 2,794 as at 31 December 2022. Active providers refer to those who have received payment for supporting Agency-managed participants.

• Utilisation (which is calculated as a 6 month rolling average with a 3 month lag) increased from 72% as at 30 September 2022 to 74% as at 31 December 2022.

• Plan utilisation by service district. The proportion of service districts that are more than 10 percentage points below the benchmark remained stable at 0%, from 30 September 2022 to 31 December 2022. The ‘benchmark’ in this analysis is the National average after adjusting for the proportion of participants in Supported Independent Living in each service district and the length of time participants have been in the Scheme.

• Market concentration. The proportion of service districts where more than 70% of payments for supports go to the top 10 providers remained stable at 0%, from 30 September 2022 to 31 December 2022. Improved data on providers is now used to measure provider concentration, with payments to plan managers now attributed to the support provider. This has led to an apparent reduction in concentration, and a change in the benchmark used to 70%.

• The proportion of payments paid within 5 days through the portal decreased from 99.9% as at 30 September 2022 to 99.8% as at 31 December 2022.

• Total payments from 1 July 2022 were $4,041 million as at 31 December 2022.

• Total annualised plan budgets increased from $10,121 million as at 30 September 2022 to $10,621 million as at 31 December 2022.

• Plan inflation (current quarter percentage per annum) decreased from 19.4% in the September 2022 quarter to 15.1% in the December 2022 quarter. Starting with the March 2022 quarter, total plan inflation was altered to include plan budget changes occurring at plan reassessment, as well as changes occurring between reassessments. This increased the rate of inflation previously measured. The annualisation calculation excludes the impact of plan indexation impacting July 2022 following the Annual Pricing Review. The indexation impact is then added back to the annualised figure. This impact is 4.6% Nationally. In this December quarter, a further rescaling is applied to the split between inflation at plan reassessment and within a plan. This results in a minor one-off change in the historical split while overall inflation is not changed.

• Inflation at plan reassessment (current quarter percentage per annum) increased from 6.4% in the September 2022 quarter to 6.8% in the December 2022 quarter.

• Inflation within a plan, between reviews (current quarter percentage per annum) decreased from 13.0% in the September 2022 quarter to 8.4% in the December 2022 quarter.

• Socioeconomic equity decreased from 110% in the September 2022 quarter to 109% in the December 2022 quarter. Socioeconomic status uses deciles from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Index of Education and Occupation. A higher decile indicates that people residing in that area have a higher level of skills and qualifications on average. The socioeconomic equity metric is equal to the average annualised plan budget of participants residing in the top two deciles divided by the average annualised plan budget of participants residing in the bottom two deciles (participants not in Supported Independent Living and aged 0 to 64). For the December 2022 quarter, this is mix adjusted for age profile.

The following comments are made regarding the Victorian experience:

• Total annualised plan budgets at 31 December 2022 were $10,621m and payments from 1 July 2022 were $4,041m.

• The number of active providers at the end of December is 7,239, growing by 3% in the quarter.

• Utilisation has been 74% in the 6 months from 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022, with no service district in Victoria more than 10 percentage points below the adjusted National benchmark.

•There were no service districts where the top 10 providers were providing more than 70% of payments.

A chart displays the Victorian distribution of service districts by plan utilisation as at 31 December 2022. The ‘benchmark’ in this analysis is the National average after adjusting for the proportion of participants in Supported Independent Living in each service district and the length of time participants have been in the Scheme.

• No service districts are more than 10 percentage points above the adjusted National benchmark.

• No service districts are between 5 and 10 percentage points above the adjusted National benchmark.

• 12 out of 17 (71%) service districts are within 5 percentage points of the adjusted National benchmark.

• 5 out of 17 (29%) service districts are between 5 and 10 percentage points below the adjusted National benchmark.

• No service districts are more than 10 percentage points below the adjusted National benchmark.

Service districts between 5% and 10% below plan utilisation benchmark

• Loddon: 69% versus 76% benchmark.

• Western District: 71% versus 77% benchmark.

• Mallee: 68% versus 74% benchmark.

• Goulburn: 68% versus 73% benchmark.

• Ovens Murray: 70% versus 76% benchmark.

A chart displays the Victorian distribution of service districts by market concentration as at 31 December 2022.

• 6 out of 17 (35%) service districts have less than 25% of payments going to the 10 largest providers.

• 9 out of 17 (53%) service districts have between 25% and 45% of payments going to the 10 largest providers.

• 2 out of 17 (12%) service districts have between 45% and 60% of payments going to the 10 largest providers.

• No service districts have between 60% and 70% of payments going to the 10 largest providers.

• No service districts have between 70% and 85% of payments going to the 10 largest providers.

• No service districts have more than 85% of payments going to the 10 largest providers.

Service districts closest to market concentration benchmark:

• Mallee: 49% versus 70% benchmark.

• Western District: 46% versus 70% benchmark.

• Central Highlands: 40% versus 70% benchmark.

• Barwon: 37% versus 70% benchmark.

• Ovens Murray: 34% versus 70% benchmark.

## Summaries by service district

A chart displays the active participants by service district. There are 10 active participants at 31 December 2022 residing in 'Other' service districts. 'Other' includes participants with service district information missing. The average annualised plan budgets and average payments for this group are not shown.

The number of active participants at 31 December 2022 was:

• 10,593 for Barwon.

• 6,059 for Central Highlands.

• 8,045 for Loddon.

• 14,543 for North East Melbourne.

• 5,820 for Inner Gippsland.

• 3,868 for Ovens Murray.

• 4,189 for Western District.

• 10,839 for Inner East Melbourne.

• 10,823 for Outer East Melbourne.

• 10,785 for Hume Moreland.

• 18,505 for Bayside Peninsula.

• 14,509 for Southern Melbourne.

• 10,177 for Brimbank Melton.

• 14,752 for Western Melbourne.

• 4,480 for Goulburn.

• 2,648 for Mallee.

• 2,553 for Outer Gippsland.

Another chart displays the average annualised plan budgets and average payments. There are 10 active participants at 31 December 2022 residing in 'Other' service districts. 'Other' includes participants with service district information missing. The average annualised plan budgets and average payments for this group are not shown. Figures are not shown if there is insufficient data in the service district.

The average annualised plan budget at 31 December 2022 was:

• $71,200 for Barwon.

• $67,500 for Central Highlands.

• $61,400 for Loddon.

• $74,400 for North East Melbourne.

• $63,600 for Inner Gippsland.

• $61,900 for Ovens Murray.

• $69,600 for Western District.

• $83,600 for Inner East Melbourne.

• $71,600 for Outer East Melbourne.

• $62,400 for Hume Moreland.

• $77,200 for Bayside Peninsula.

• $67,400 for Southern Melbourne.

• $62,900 for Brimbank Melton.

• $64,800 for Western Melbourne.

• $59,200 for Goulburn.

• $66,100 for Mallee.

• $70,800 for Outer Gippsland.

• $69,300 for all of Victoria.

The average payments for the 12 months to 31 December 2022 was:

• $53,200 for Barwon.

• $49,500 for Central Highlands.

• $42,700 for Loddon.

• $57,700 for North East Melbourne.

• $47,800 for Inner Gippsland.

• $45,100 for Ovens Murray.

• $50,300 for Western District.

• $64,900 for Inner East Melbourne.

• $53,500 for Outer East Melbourne.

• $49,200 for Hume Moreland.

• $57,800 for Bayside Peninsula.

• $52,100 for Southern Melbourne.

• $49,100 for Brimbank Melton.

• $48,600 for Western Melbourne.

• $40,800 for Goulburn.

• $47,300 for Mallee.

• $51,000 for Outer Gippsland.

• $52,300 for all of Victoria.

Another chart displays the average annualised plan budgets and average payments for participants in Supported Independent Living. There are 10 active participants at 31 December 2022 residing in 'Other' service districts. 'Other' includes participants with service district information missing. The average annualised plan budgets and average payments for this group are not shown. Figures are not shown if there is insufficient data in the service district.

The average annualised plan budget at 31 December 2022 for participants in Supported Independent Living was:

• $428,400 for Barwon.

• $373,200 for Central Highlands.

• $397,200 for Loddon.

• $408,600 for North East Melbourne.

• $419,700 for Inner Gippsland.

• $354,800 for Ovens Murray.

• $344,900 for Western District.

• $386,700 for Inner East Melbourne.

• $408,500 for Outer East Melbourne.

• $420,800 for Hume Moreland.

• $362,100 for Bayside Peninsula.

• $442,000 for Southern Melbourne.

• $451,500 for Brimbank Melton.

• $462,900 for Western Melbourne.

• $336,900 for Goulburn.

• $392,900 for Mallee.

• $346,800 for Outer Gippsland.

• $400,100 for all of Victoria.

The average payments for the 12 months to 31 December 2022 for participants in Supported Independent Living was:

• $377,200 for Barwon.

• $316,500 for Central Highlands.

• $331,900 for Loddon.

• $360,100 for North East Melbourne.

• $377,800 for Inner Gippsland.

• $297,100 for Ovens Murray.

• $292,300 for Western District.

• $330,400 for Inner East Melbourne.

• $352,400 for Outer East Melbourne.

• $338,500 for Hume Moreland.

• $302,200 for Bayside Peninsula.

• $384,000 for Southern Melbourne.

• $409,300 for Brimbank Melton.

• $379,300 for Western Melbourne.

• $266,400 for Goulburn.

• $349,200 for Mallee.

• $268,100 for Outer Gippsland.

• $341,300 for all of Victoria.

Another chart displays the average annualised plan budgets and average payments for participants not in Supported Independent Living. There are 10 active participants at 31 December 2022 residing in 'Other' service districts. 'Other' includes participants with service district information missing. The average annualised plan budgets and average payments for this group are not shown. Figures are not shown if there is insufficient data in the service district.

The average annualised plan budget at 31 December 2022 for participants not in Supported Independent Living was:

• $55,200 for Barwon.

• $50,800 for Central Highlands.

• $49,300 for Loddon.

• $54,900 for North East Melbourne.

• $53,100 for Inner Gippsland.

• $49,900 for Ovens Murray.

• $49,800 for Western District.

• $61,000 for Inner East Melbourne.

• $56,100 for Outer East Melbourne.

• $53,200 for Hume Moreland.

• $62,800 for Bayside Peninsula.

• $55,300 for Southern Melbourne.

• $52,700 for Brimbank Melton.

• $54,700 for Western Melbourne.

• $52,000 for Goulburn.

• $53,300 for Mallee.

• $61,100 for Outer Gippsland.

• $55,300 for all of Victoria.

The average payments for the 12 months to 31 December 2022 for participants not in Supported Independent Living was:

• $39,200 for Barwon.

• $34,900 for Central Highlands.

• $32,500 for Loddon.

• $40,100 for North East Melbourne.

• $38,300 for Inner Gippsland.

• $34,500 for Ovens Murray.

• $32,600 for Western District.

• $44,700 for Inner East Melbourne.

• $39,900 for Outer East Melbourne.

• $42,100 for Hume Moreland.

• $45,400 for Bayside Peninsula.

• $42,200 for Southern Melbourne.

• $40,000 for Brimbank Melton.

• $40,800 for Western Melbourne.

• $35,100 for Goulburn.

• $35,300 for Mallee.

• $43,900 for Outer Gippsland.

• $40,200 for all of Victoria.

The following comments are made regarding the Victorian experience at service district level as at 31 December 2022.

• Bayside Peninsula has the highest number of active participants at 18,505 participants, while Outer Gippsland has the lowest number at 2,553 active participants.

• The average annualised plan budget at the end of December for active participants is $69,300 ($55,300 for participants not in Supported Independent Living and $400,100 for participants in Supported Independent Living).

• The average payment for the 12 months ending 31 December 2022 is $52,300 ($40,200 for participants not in Supported Independent Living and $341,300 for participants in Supported Independent Living).

• Inner East Melbourne has the highest average annualised plan budgets and payments across all participants.