

Section 17 Document

Scope of request	I would like to make a FOI request for aggregate data on NDIS participants in the Hearing Impairment category. Namely, the latest available figures on the number of unique individuals who are receiving sign language, aka Auslan (Australian Sign Language), interpreter support, by age and by the support category under which it is provided. I am particularly interested in how this has changed over time so I would also ask for data going back as far as possible since the NDIS was established (annualised is good enough).
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Total Number of participants who claimed AUSLAN and interpreting supports per financial year by Disability Type as 30 June 2026 (3)

Financial Year	Disability Type (1)		TOTAL
	Hearing Impairment	Other (2)	
19-20	1,984	818	2,802
20-21	2,498	963	3,461
21-22	2,677	966	3,643
22-23	2,996	1,044	4,040
23-24	3,144	1,078	4,222
24-25	3,212	1,020	4,232
25-26	3,362	883	4,245

(1) Based on primary disability as at 30 June 2026.

(2) Other includes all other primary disability types, where participant may also have Hearing Impairment

(3) Self-managed participants do not include a Support Item Number when claiming and therefore are excluded from the numbers in these tables.

Total Number of Participants who claimed AUSLAN and Interpreting supports per financial year

Financial Year	Support Type (1)		TOTAL (2)
	Auslan Or Signed English Training	Interpreting And Translating	
19-20	811	2,447	2,802
20-21	1,016	3,039	3,461
21-22	1,171	3,179	3,643
22-23	1,300	3,496	4,040
23-24	1,265	3,698	4,222
24-25	1,245	3,679	4,232
25-26	1,284	3,651	4,245

(1) All Auslan and Interpreting/Translating supports are claimed from the Consumables Budget category.

(2) Some participants may have claimed both Auslan and Interpreting supports, so totals do not sum.

Total Number of Participants who claimed AUSLAN and interpreting supports per financial year by age group

Financial Year	Age Group (1)							TOTAL
	0 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65+	
19-20	283	250	279	438	683	718	151	2,802
20-21	362	299	346	488	816	897	253	3,461
21-22	374	324	368	526	781	964	306	3,643
22-23	463	339	401	568	824	1,048	397	4,040
23-24	514	332	414	583	799	1,065	515	4,222
24-25	544	320	396	589	744	1,060	579	4,232
25-26	573	300	370	588	711	1,107	596	4,245

(1) Ages/Age Group is based on age of the participant at end of each financial year.