



SYNOPSIS

SCHEME UPDATE: NDIS

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Purpose of your paper: To provide an update on the National Disability Insurance Scheme as it transitions from trial to full scheme.

Synopsis: The previous Injury Schemes Seminar in November 2015 featured two presentations on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS): one providing an update on Scheme experience and the other discussing the NDIS Outcomes Framework, including some preliminary results from a pilot study.

The previous Scheme update discussed the role of the NDIS as a new type of insurance model in an area traditionally treated as welfare, setting out the insurance principles underpinning the Scheme. A summary of Scheme experience from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2015 was presented. At that stage, the Scheme was two years into its trial period and operating in six trial sites.

Two years on, the NDIS has entered a period of rapid growth with the transition to full scheme commencing on 1 July 2016. From supporting 30,000 participants during trial, the Scheme is expected to include 460,000 participants by 2019-20. The geographical spread of participants will also expand rapidly as participants phase into the Scheme.

This talk will give an update on Scheme experience, including participant numbers and characteristics, and committed supports. Actuarial monitoring of the Scheme, and the tools used to ensure financial sustainability, will also be discussed. An update on emerging results from the Outcomes Framework will be provided.

Some of the challenges to operating in such a dynamic and constantly changing environment will also be highlighted, and some insights provided into how the National Disability Insurance Agency is responding to those challenges.