

COMMUNITY SERVICES

In 2017-18, the Commonwealth will provide funding of \$3.0 billion to support State community services, including \$1.5 billion through the National Disability SPP and \$1.5 billion through National Partnership payments, as detailed in Table 2.7.

Table 2.7: Payments to support State community services

\$million	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
National Disability SPP	1,490.4	1,519.7	950.8	180.4	-
National Partnership payments					
Family advocacy and support services	4.2	7.0	7.0	-	-
Home and Community Care	190.9	202.8	-	-	-
National Occasional Care Program	1.5	1.5	-	-	-
National outcome standards for perpetrator interventions	1.8	-	-	-	-
Northern Territory remote Aboriginal investment					
Community safety component	67.4	63.0	53.6	44.4	34.6
Pay equity for the social and community services sector	184.8	181.0	164.4	74.8	47.6
Payments from the DisabilityCare Australia Fund	340.2	538.0	3,180.8	1,344.9	1,014.1
Specialist disability services	313.1	321.9	167.8	28.2	-
Transition to independent living allowance	-	-	3.5	3.5	3.5
Transition to NDIS in Western Australia	-	169.7	267.6	474.8	nfp
Trial of Western Australia NDIS sites	68.0	-	-	-	-
Women's Safety Package-Technology Trials	1.3	2.0	2.2	2.0	-
Total	2,663.7	3,006.5	4,797.8	2,153.1	1,099.9

National Disability Agreement

The *National Disability Agreement* commits the Commonwealth and the States, through the provision of disability support services, to helping people with disabilities and their carers achieve an enhanced quality of life and participate as valued members of the community.

The Commonwealth is also working with the States to implement the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) which will fundamentally change the nature of disability care and support in Australia. When the NDIS reaches full scheme in a State, the National Disability SPP will be redirected to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). The NDIA will be responsible for administering the NDIS in every State except Western Australia, where it will be administered by a state-run disability agency.

From 2020-21, the National Disability SPP funding for Western Australia will be redirected to support a full scheme NDIS, subject to ongoing negotiations with the Western Australian Government.

National Disability SPP^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2016-17	477.5	376.0	299.0	161.3	105.1	31.9	24.5	15.0	1,490.4
2017-18	495.1	391.6	309.6	167.1	108.2	32.7	-	15.4	1,519.7
2018-19	-	407.8	320.5	173.1	-	33.5	-	15.8	950.8
2019-20	-	-	-	180.4	-	-	-	-	180.4
2020-21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) A zero entitlement to National Disability SPP funding indicates that the NDIS has been fully rolled out in that State.

The National Disability SPP is the funding associated with the *National Disability Agreement*. The Commonwealth provides this funding to the States to support disability services.

The Intergovernmental Agreement defines the annual growth factor for the National Disability SPP as the rolling five year average of year-on-year growth in nominal Gross Domestic Product. The growth factor is estimated to be 3.7 per cent in 2017-18.

National Partnership payments for community services

In addition to the National Disability SPP, the Commonwealth will provide funding through National Partnerships as detailed below.

National Partnership on Family Advocacy and Support Services

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2016-17	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	4.2
2017-18	1.7	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	7.0
2018-19	1.7	1.2	1.1	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	7.0
2019-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2020-21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The Commonwealth will support the establishment and operation of Family Advocacy and Support Services by Legal Aid Commissions. They will provide integrated duty lawyer and family violence support services at locations across Australia.

National Partnership on Home and Community Care

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2016-17	-	-	-	190.9	-	-	-	-	190.9
2017-18	-	-	-	202.8	-	-	-	-	202.8
2018-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2020-21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

This program provides Western Australia with funding for basic community care services that support older people, younger people with a disability, and their carers to remain living in their own homes and communities. The Commonwealth and Western Australia are transitioning Home and Community Care responsibilities for older people to the Commonwealth.

National Partnership on the National Occasional Care Program

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2016-17	-	1.2	-	-	0.3	-	-	-	1.5
2017-18	-	1.2	-	-	0.3	-	-	-	1.5
2018-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2020-21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The Commonwealth will support occasional child care providers who are not approved for the purposes of Child Care Benefit, particularly in rural, regional and remote areas. This National Partnership will cease on 30 June 2018 with the implementation of the *Jobs for Families* Child Care Package.

National Partnership on National Outcome Standards for Perpetrator Interventions

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2016-17	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.8
2017-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2018-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2020-21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The Commonwealth will support the development and implementation of a national reporting and accountability framework for interventions directed at the perpetrators of family violence.

National Partnership on Northern Territory remote Aboriginal investment

The National Partnership will support the Northern Territory to improve outcomes in schooling, health, community safety and job creation for Indigenous Australians.

Other elements of this National Partnership are discussed in the Health, Education and Affordable Housing sections of this Part.

Northern Territory remote Aboriginal investment — community safety component

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2016-17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67.4	67.4
2017-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63.0	63.0
2018-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53.6	53.6
2019-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44.4	44.4
2020-21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.6	34.6

The Commonwealth will provide funding to the Northern Territory to make communities safer, improve child safety and address alcohol related harm.

National Partnership on Pay Equity for the Social and Community Services sector

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2016-17	27.9	44.2	44.1	43.7	12.1	5.1	5.5	2.2	184.8
2017-18	31.9	48.3	48.0	32.3	12.3	5.2	0.9	2.1	181.0
2018-19	4.7	59.6	55.4	32.0	2.7	6.4	1.1	2.5	164.4
2019-20	5.5	16.1	7.7	38.9	3.2	1.4	1.4	0.7	74.8
2020-21	6.3	18.6	8.5	6.4	3.7	1.6	1.6	0.8	47.6

This Commonwealth is funding its share of the wage increases arising from Fair Work Australia's 2012 decision to grant an Equal Remuneration Order in the Social and Community Services sector.

The Commonwealth's commitment includes funding for its share of the wage increases for in-scope programs funded through existing National SPPs and National Partnerships.

National Partnership on Payments from the DisabilityCare Australia Fund^{(a)(b)}

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2016-17	140.5	65.3	30.5	nfp	33.0	6.4	42.5	1.6	340.2
2017-18	241.9	110.7	63.6	nfp	55.1	9.8	15.2	2.3	538.0
2018-19	1,040.8	925.6	797.4	nfp	240.1	85.6	15.7	7.1	3,180.8
2019-20	315.2	244.0	197.4	nfp	72.7	22.5	16.3	42.5	1,344.9
2020-21	326.2	252.5	204.3	nfp	75.2	23.3	16.8	10.0	1,014.1

(a) Funding amounts are indicative estimates only. Negotiations are continuing with the States on drawdown arrangements.

(b) Funding amounts are not published as negotiations continue with Western Australia on implementation of the NDIS beyond a three-year transition.

This program will reimburse the States for their NDIS expenditure.

Under the *DisabilityCare Australia Fund Act 2013*, a proportion of the funding held in the DisabilityCare Australia Fund has been allocated to the States over a 10 year period. The amount set aside for the States in 2017-18 is \$915 million. This will grow in future years by 3.5 per cent per year.

National Partnership on Specialist Disability Services

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2016-17	148.6	71.5	42.4	-	31.3	11.5	2.1	5.9	313.1
2017-18	153.8	74.0	43.8	-	32.4	11.9	-	6.1	321.9
2018-19	-	76.6	45.4	27.3	-	12.3	-	6.3	167.8
2019-20	-	-	-	28.2	-	-	-	-	28.2
2020-21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The Commonwealth is funding specialist disability services for people aged 65 years and over (50 years and over for Indigenous Australians), in participating States. This funding is delivered under individual *Bilateral Agreements for the transition to a National Disability Insurance Scheme*.

Once the NDIS reaches full scheme in a State, funding will be redirected to the Commonwealth Department of Health through the implementation of a new Commonwealth Continuity of Support program.

National Partnership on the Transition to Independent Living Allowance^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2016-17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2017-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2018-19	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	3.5
2019-20	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	3.5
2020-21	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	3.5

(a) State allocations are yet to be finalised.

The Commonwealth is helping young people make the transition from formal out-of-home care to independent living.

National Partnership on the Transition to NDIS in Western Australia^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2016-17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2017-18	-	-	-	169.7	-	-	-	-	169.7
2018-19	-	-	-	267.6	-	-	-	-	267.6
2019-20	-	-	-	474.8	-	-	-	-	474.8
2020-21	-	-	-	nfp	-	-	-	-	nfp

(a) Funding amounts are not published for 2020-21 as negotiations are yet to be finalised.

The Commonwealth will support Western Australia to make progressive changes to roles, responsibilities and governance in delivering disability services from 1 July 2017. Funding from 2020-21 is subject to ongoing negotiations with the Western Australian government on full scheme NDIS.

A new measure associated with this National Partnership is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No.2, *Budget Measures 2017-18*.

National Partnership on the Trial of Western Australia NDIS Sites

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2016-17	-	-	-	68.0	-	-	-	-	68.0
2017-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2018-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2019-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2020-21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The Commonwealth assisted Western Australia with a trial of NDIS sites which ran in parallel with NDIA trial sites in Western Australia.

From 1 July 2018, Western Australia is transitioning to full scheme NDIS. Payments will be made under the *National Partnership on the Transition to NDIS in Western Australia*.

National Partnership on the Women’s Safety Package — Technology Trials^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2016-17	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.3
2017-18	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	2.0
2018-19	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	2.2
2019-20	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	2.0
2020-21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) State allocations are yet to be finalised.

This program will support a series of trials to test new technologies or innovative uses of existing technologies to improve the safety of women and children affected by family and domestic violence.