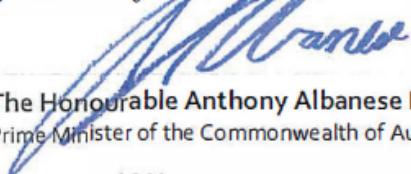


The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

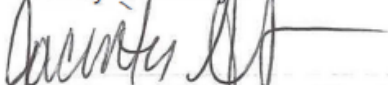
Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by



The Honourable Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia

2023

Signed for and on behalf of the
State of Victoria by



The Honourable Jacinta Allan MP
Premier of the State of Victoria

2023

Schedule A. Financial Contributions

Victoria's financial contributions

1. Victoria will contribute \$2,586 million in 2019-20.
2. The \$2,586 million includes a \$65 million Budget Neutral Adjustment as a result of changes to Commonwealth and State roles and responsibilities under Schedule F of the 2011 National Health Reform Agreement. The Budget Neutral Adjustment will be escalated at 3.5 per cent per annum.
3. The remaining contribution of \$2,522 million in 2019-20 will be escalated by 4.0 per cent per annum to account for inflation and population changes.
 - a. The escalation rate may be reassessed by the Parties following each independent review of NDIS costs.
 - b. Table 1 outlines Victoria's financial contribution each year from 2019-20 to 2027-28.
 - d. The reallocation as per Clauses 14-18 in this Schedule, in combination with the escalation rate, will determine Victoria's contribution for 2023-24 and every five years thereafter.

TABLE 1: VICTORIA CONTRIBUTIONS

Year	Total (millions)
2019-20	\$2,586.3
2020-21	\$2,689.5
2021-22	\$2,796.7
2022-23	\$2,908.2
2023-24	\$3,091.4
2024-25	\$3,214.7
2025-26	\$3,342.9
2026-27	\$3,476.2
2027-28	\$3,614.8

4. Victoria's contribution will contribute to participant supports, including:
 - a. individualised support packages for scheme participants; and
 - b. Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) and other general supports as described by section 13(2) of the NDIS Act.
5. Victoria's cash contributions will be made in advance, within the first two working days of each quarter, following receipt of an invoice from the NDIA.

6. Victoria's cash contributions will be adjusted to take into account end of transition arrangements and in-kind funding contributions, as outlined in Schedule B.

Commonwealth contributions

7. The Commonwealth will continue to project the future cost of the NDIS, informed by each independent review of NDIS costs.
 - a. The Commonwealth will continue to project costs informed by Productivity Commission estimates until the next independent review of NDIS costs in 2023;
 - b. The Commonwealth will continue to project NDIA administration, ILC and participant supports costs on a national basis
8. The Commonwealth will be responsible for the balance of all NDIS costs, taking into account the financial contributions from Victoria, and will fully provision for all Commonwealth financial contributions.
9. The Commonwealth confirms its contribution will be consistent with the Heads of Agreement signed between Victoria and the Commonwealth on 4 May 2013. The actual amount spent in each jurisdiction will depend on the number of participants and the cost of the NDIS in that jurisdiction. To give effect to this:
 - a. the Commonwealth commits to using an average package cost of no less than \$43,324 per participant in Victoria as the basis of the Commonwealth contribution in Victoria until the next independent review of NDIS costs. The average package cost will be indexed by the Commonwealth's floating escalation rate until the next independent review of NDIS costs;
 - b. The Commonwealth's contribution will be adjusted according to participant numbers and costs;
 - c. The Commonwealth's contribution will not be comprised of nor adjusted due to accumulated cash in the NDIA arising from the implementation of the Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth and Victoria for Transition to a NDIS;
 - d. After taking into account the financial contributions from Victoria, the Commonwealth will be fully responsible for ensuring the NDIA has adequate funding to meet all participant costs and cash flow requirements.
10. The Commonwealth will contribute to other general supports as described in the NDIS Act, including ILC investments for the benefit of all Victorians with disability.
11. The Commonwealth's cash contributions will be made in advance, within the first two working days of each quarter, following receipt of an invoice from the NDIA.

12. In addition, under the NDIS Act, the NDIA must respond to a request by a host jurisdiction Ministers for information about:
 - a. expenditure of money received by the NDIA from that jurisdiction; or
 - b. expenditure, relating to that jurisdiction, of money received by the NDIA from the Commonwealth; or
 - c. activities of the NDIA relating to that jurisdiction.
13. The Commonwealth agrees to provide regular reports on actual NDIS expenditure in Victoria, noting this is currently reported in NDIA annual reports.

Reallocation of Victoria's contributions

14. A net neutral reallocation of all state and territory contributions will occur from 1 July 2023 and every five years thereafter, in line with each state's and territory's share of the total national population as per the most recent Census data at the time. This Schedule will be amended in 2023 and every five years thereafter to reflect the reallocation.
15. State population shares will be taken from the Australian Bureau of Statistics measure *3101.0 - Australian Demographic Statistics*.
16. State population shares will be taken from the December data from the year that each Census was undertaken (i.e. the first data used will be December 2021 Census data).
17. When a reallocation occurs, the total quantum of baseline state and territory financial contributions to the NDIS in a financial year will be considered as a single figure. This figure will then be divided based upon the updated share of national population residing in each state and territory.
18. This reallocation will result in increased contributions from states and territories whose share of the national population has grown, and reduced contributions from states and territories whose share of the national population has fallen, at the time of reallocation.

The National Injury Insurance Scheme (NIIS)

19. The minimum benchmarks are outlined in the COAG Decision Regulation Impact Statements - Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations for motor vehicle or workplace accidents. Victoria is considered to meet the minimum benchmarks as at 1 March 2019.
20. Victoria will make additional contributions to the NDIS if Victoria's motor vehicle or workplace insurance schemes are below nationally agreed minimum benchmarks, or any revised minimum benchmarks subsequently amended by the Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations. The Commonwealth will agree with states and territories a process to verify that minimum benchmarks continue to be met.

21. The amount of any additional contributions from Victoria under Clause 20 in this Schedule will be the cost of the NDIS plan, and agreed administration costs, provided to a person in the NDIS.
22. Victoria and the Commonwealth will continue to assess the feasibility of a NIIS for catastrophic general accidents in good faith, through the Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations.
23. The Commonwealth and Victoria may continue negotiations, through the Standing Council on Federal Financial Relations, on coverage for no fault catastrophic medical treatment accidents, following a decision by COAG in 2017 to not proceed with the medical injury stream of the NIIS at this time.