



2014-15 Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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Minister for Disability Services and Reform
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Strategic overview

Victoria has led the way in reforming our human services.

Our strategic directions for disability includes:

- Services Connect
- Service Sector Reform
- Victorian State Disability Plan 2013-2016
- National Disability Insurance Scheme
- Modernising disability accommodation

Budget overview

\$204 million over five years.

Investment focusing on:

- Delivering essential supports
- Modern and appropriate disability accommodation
- Establishing the NDIS headquarters in Geelong

Delivering essential supports

- **\$121 million** over four years provides 658 new individual support packages and continues the Government's commitment to school leavers



- **\$44 million** in 2014-15 for a wage rise for about 13,000 disability workers as a result of a Fair Work Australia decision (the SACS Award)

Modern and appropriate disability accommodation

\$14 million over four years:

- Closing the congregate accommodation facilities operated by the Oakleigh Centre for Intellectually Disabled Citizens.
- Supporting 29 residents in up to five new supported accommodation group homes
- Giving residents the opportunity to live with more choice and independence in their community

Builds on last budget's announcement regarding the closure of Sandhurst Residential Services at Bendigo

Establishing the NDIS headquarters in Geelong

\$25 million to establish Geelong as the headquarters for the National Disability Insurance Agency

Victoria will play a leadership role as we transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme



What has been delivered: Disability services

Invested an additional \$570 million in disability services since coming into office.

- **More Individual Support Packages:** We are delivering over 1,948 additional Individual Support Packages for people with high support needs since the 2011-12 Budget, taking the total number of clients receiving individualised support to over 15,000 in 2014-15.
- **Addressing the demand for accommodation** by delivering 216 new supported accommodation places for people with a disability since December 2010, taking the total to over 5,100 in 2014-15.
- **More funding for aids and equipment** to target complex client needs, with over 30,300 clients to be supported in 2014-15.
- **Planning for the future** by establishing the National Disability Insurance Agency in Geelong
- **Innovating and refining service delivery** with Services Connect and Service Sector Reform