



Victorian Budget 2019-20

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Disability, Ageing and Carers overview

The Andrews Labor Government's 2019-20 Budget is investing **\$217.2 million** in the State's **Disability, Ageing and Carers** services, programs and agencies. This investment:

- modernises and maintains residential aged care
- provides better care for carers
- helps Victorians doing it tough
- creates a fairer future for Victorians living with a disability

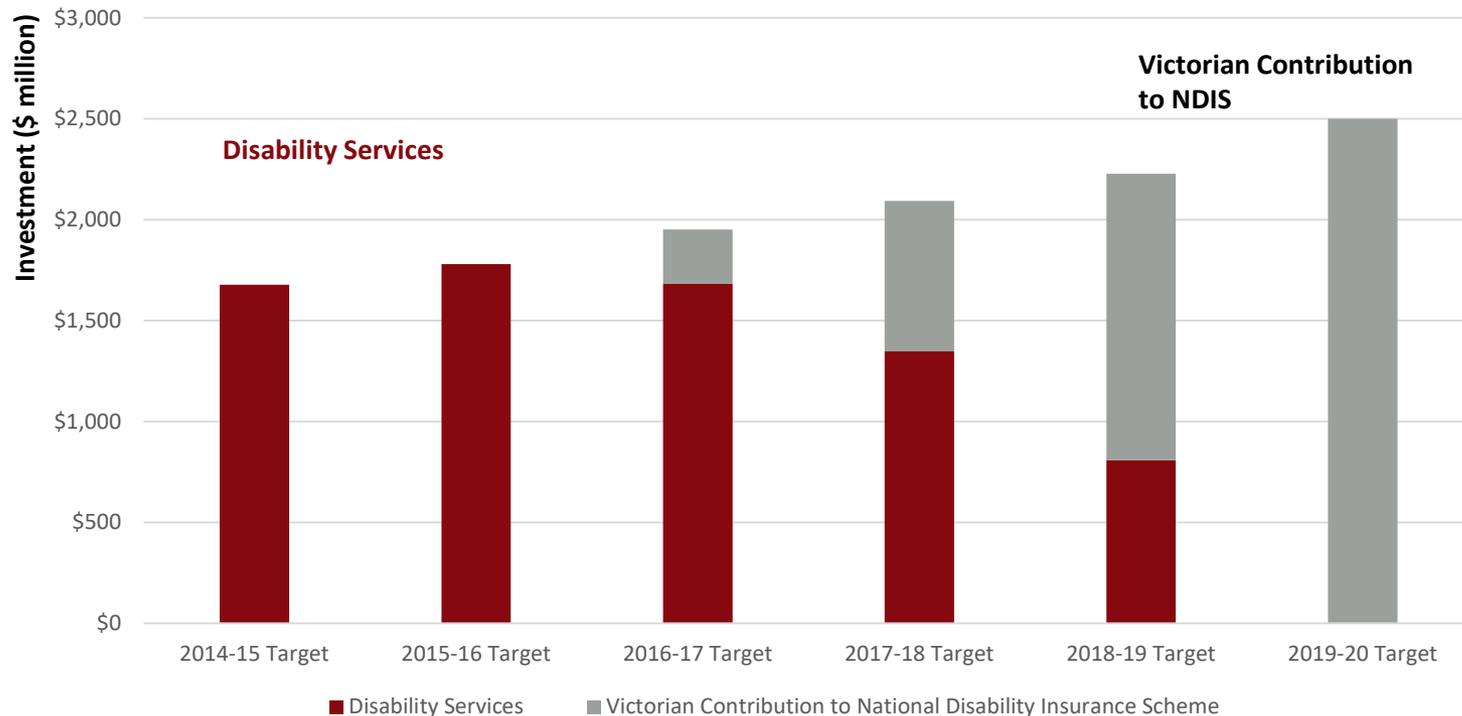
Over the past five years, the Andrews Labor Government has invested an additional **\$869 million** in Disability, Ageing and Carers services and infrastructure.



The Victorian Government is contributing **\$2.5 billion** to the NDIS in 2019-20.

Disability budget output growth

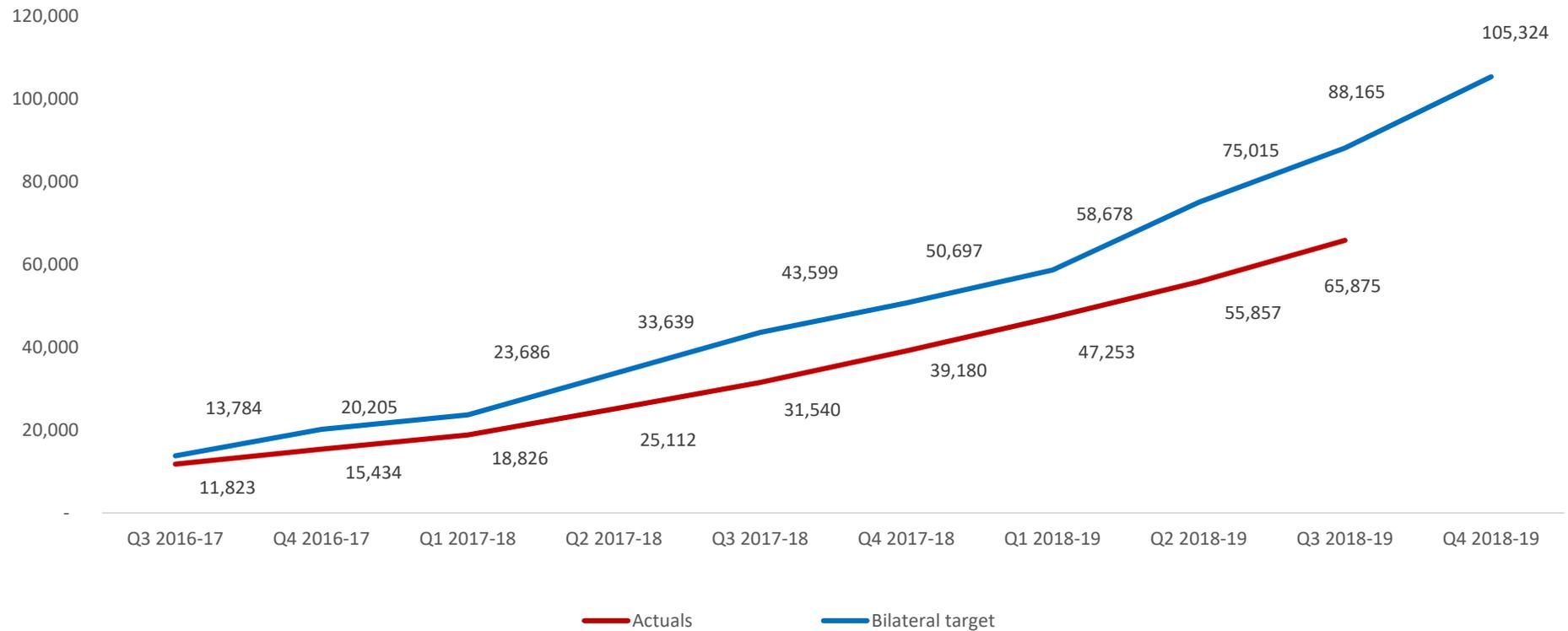
- In 2019-20, Victoria's contribution to the NDIS will be **\$2.5 billion**
- Victoria will provide \$10.9 million to support the Office for Disability including disability advocacy in 2019-20. Victoria will also fund the Forensic Disability program, a range of disability services not funded by the NDIS and continuity of support for those deemed ineligible for the scheme.



The NDIA continues the slower than planned rollout

Victorian transition v bilateral targets

No. of approved plans



Source: NDIA's DRC Reports to 31 March 2019

Ensuring quality of disability care and workforce

The 2019-20 Budget delivers:

\$9.5 million to establish the Disability Worker Registration Scheme to improve the quality of care in the NDIS Sector

As Victoria transitions to the NDIS, this scheme will:

- Operate a regulatory scheme for disability workers and deal with breaches of the conduct; and
- Support the development of a quality workforce ready for the full rollout of the NDIS



Modernising and maintaining Public Sector Residential Aged Care

The 2019-20 Budget delivers a range of investment to modernise and maintain public sector residential aged care, including:

- **\$26.9 million** in addition to Cth funding to ensure the future provision of public sector residential aged care, providing vital services to vulnerable older people with complex physical and mental health needs
- **\$81.6 million** to modernise the Wantirna public sector residential aged care facility, providing a new 120-bed public service



Modernising and maintaining Residential Aged Care

The 2019-20 Budget delivers a range of investment to modernise and maintain residential aged care, including:

- **\$5.4 million** output funding and **\$21.8 million** asset funding to support multicultural Victoria by upgrading aged care facilities and providing for land purchases for Indian and Chinese aged care facilities
- **\$10 million** in asset funding in 2019-20 for the Rural Residential Aged Care Facilities Renewal



Caring for our Carers

To support those who care for vulnerable Victorians, the 2019-20 Budget delivers a **\$49.5 million** election commitment to take better care of carers.

The **Caring for carers with more respite, support and improved public transport concessions** election commitment involves:

- **\$42 million** over four years to provide an additional 100,000 hours of respite services and supporting a further 5,000 carers a year. This will reduce wait times of up to 120 days for respite and support.
- **\$4 million** over four years to provide support for carer groups and networks, including under-recognised groups such as younger carers and LGBTI carers.
- **\$3.5 million** for 50 per cent public transport concession and free travel during National Carers Week for Victorian Carer Card holders.



Helping Victorian Communities

The 2019-20 Budget also delivers a **\$12.5 million** election commitment to improve the provide a boost to services for Victorians doing it tough. These funds will support:

- **\$10 million** to create additional Foodbank Victoria hubs. These hubs will serve as centralised regional warehouses as part of its fresh food distribution network.
- **\$2.5 million** to FareShare to enable them to expand their efforts in collecting food and cooking meals for Victorians in need.

