

**From:** [s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\) Ben](#) on behalf of [media](#)  
**To:** [s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\) - irrelevant](#), [Eloise](#)  
**Cc:** [media](#); [antonia](#); [s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\) @dss.gov.au](#); [s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\) Shannon](#); [s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\) Sascha](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent review - NDIS saving breakdown [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Wednesday, 15 May 2024 6:43:17 PM

---

Hi Elo/MO,

Please see below – only minor edits (in second par under budget settings)

Thanks,

Ben

**Background (to inform reporting, not for attribution):**

There are two practical changes that will contribute to 95% of the cumulative \$14.4b NDIS budget savings over the next four years:

1. Moderating participants' plan inflation

The Budget showed us that the Scheme was going to grow an extra \$14.4 billion, mostly because of plans being topped up before they are due to rollover.

This is called intraplan inflation and it does not happen in the vast majority of NDIS participants' plans.

But around 15 per cent of participants or their plan managers spend their NDIS funding much earlier than planned and in the past this was topped up so the participant was not left without support.

The highest growth in the NDIS comes from plan inflation. The amendments in the bill will help lower plan inflation and therefore growth in expenditure.

In the legislation currently before parliament we are stopping any more automatic top ups. Plan inflation is already reducing, with the recently released NDIS quarterly report showing a continuing downward trend from 11% to 7.5% (excluding indexation) – this is the lowest rate since September 2021.

2. Improve NDIS plan budget setting.

The second way we are changing things to keep the Scheme safe is by changing the way we create plans.

By creating better and more consistent plans to begin with, it will help stop plan inflation during the course of the participant's plan.

This is also before the parliament but once the legislation has passed we will do extensive co-design with participants, families and the sector to make sure we get it right.

---

**From:** [s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\) - irrelevant material](#) Eloise <[Eloise.s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\) - irrelevant material@dss.gov.au](#)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2024 5:35 PM

**To:** [media](#) <[media@ndis.gov.au](#)>

**Cc:** [s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\) - irrelevant](#) Antonia <[Antonia.s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\) - irrelevant@dss.gov.au](#)>

**Subject:** Urgent review - NDIS saving breakdown [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi team,

Can we please urgently check the below info which we need to send to the ABC?

The journo wants a breakdown in what measures will contribute to the \$14.4b budget savings.

Thanks,

Elo

**Background (to inform reporting, not for attribution):**

There are two practical changes that will contribute to 95% of the cumulative \$14.4b NDIS

budget savings over the next four years:

1. Moderating participants' plan inflation

The Budget showed us that the Scheme was going to grow an extra \$14.4 billion, mostly because of plans being topped up before they are due to rollover.

This is called intraplan inflation and it does not happen in the vast majority of NDIS participants' plans.

But around 15 per cent of participants or their plan managers spend their NDIS funding much earlier than planned and in the past this was topped up so the participant was not left without support.

The highest growth in the NDIS comes from plan inflation. The amendments in the bill, will help lower plan inflation and therefore growth in expenditure.

In the legislation currently before parliament we are stopping any more automatic top ups.

Plan inflation is already reducing, with the recently released NDIS quarterly report showing a continuing downward trend from 11% to 7.5% (excluding indexation) – this is the lowest rate since September 2021.

2. Improve NDIS plan budget setting.

The second way we are changing things to keep the Scheme safe is by changing the way we create plans.

By creating plans better to begin with, it will help stop artificial plan inflation during the course of the participant's plan.

This is also before the parliament but once the legislation has passed we will do extensive co-design with participants, families and the sector to make sure we get it right.

-----Original Message-----

From: s22(1)(a)(i) - irrelevant Antonia <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(i\) - irrelevant@dss.gov.au">Antonia.s22\(1\)\(a\)\(i\) - irrelevant@dss.gov.au](mailto:Antonia.<span style=)>

Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 12:54 PM

To: s22(1)(a)(i) - irrelevant material Eloise <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(i\) - irrelevant material@dss.gov.au">Eloise.s22\(1\)\(a\)\(i\) - irrelevant material@dss.gov.au](mailto:Eloise.<span style=)>

Subject: FW: NDIS saving breakdown [SEC=OFFICIAL]

-----Original Message-----

From: s22(1)(a)(i) - irreleva Antonia

Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 12:34 PM

To: s22(1)(a)(i) - irrelevant mate Gabriela <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(i\) - irrelevant mate@dss.gov.au">Gabriela.s22\(1\)\(a\)\(i\) - irrelevant mate@dss.gov.au](mailto:Gabriela.<span style=)>; s22(1)(a)(i) - irreleva, Luke <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(i\) - irrelevant@dss.gov.au">Luke.s22\(1\)\(a\)\(i\) - irrelevant@dss.gov.au](mailto:Luke.<span style=)>

Subject: FW: NDIS saving breakdown [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Can we get some help with this.

A

-----Original Message-----

From: s47f - personal s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material<sup>s47f - personal</sup> <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\) - irrelevant material@abc.net.au">@abc.net.au](mailto:<span style=)>

Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 11:54 AM

To: s22(1)(a)(i) - irreleva Antonia <[s22\(1\)\(a\)\(i\) - irrelevant@dss.gov.au">Antonia.s22\(1\)\(a\)\(i\) - irrelevant@dss.gov.au](mailto:Antonia.<span style=)>

Subject: Re: NDIS saving breakdown [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Antonia,

It was a breakdown of how the \$14bn saving will be achieved. Confirming that growth has been restrained to under \$2bn over 5 years.

There were two measures that accounted for something like 95% of the saving over the forwards. They said they would send me a more detailed account of figures and percentages.

By 4pm would be ideal.

Thanks,

s47f - personal

s47F - personal s22(1)(a)(ii) - irreleva

Federal Political Reporter  
ABC News, Parliament House

P: s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material

M: s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material

T: @ s47F - personal s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant

> On 15 May 2024, at 11:25 AM, s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant Antonia <Antonia s22(1)(a)(ii) - irreleva@dss.gov.au> wrote:

>

> Hi s47F - personal p

> I'm not entirely sure what he has promised you.

> Are you wanting to know how we moderate growth to \$14.4 billion in the forwards?

> When is the latest I can get to you. I'll get you what I can.

> s47F - personal privacy

>

>

> -----Original Message-----

> From: s47F - personal s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material s47F - personal @abc.net.au>

> Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 10:16 AM

> To: s22(1)(a)(ii) - irreleva Antonia <Antonia s22(1)(a)(ii) - irreleva@dss.gov.au>

> Subject: NDIS saving breakdown

>

> Hi Antonia,

>

> I hope you're well.

>

> Following up from my conversation with the Minister and policy advisor (Gabrielle?) last night.

>

> They promised to email through or provide a printed copy of the break down of what measures will achieve what percentage and dollar figure of the savings.

>

> Could I please get this asap. I will be doing a package for AM tomorrow on the NDIS element of the budget with the aim of providing reassurance to scheme recipients that the savings will not result in scrapped services for them which is their current fear. I can clearly do that with those figures.

>

> Much appreciated,

> s47F - personal

> s47F - personal s22(1)(a)(ii) - irreleva

> Federal Political Reporter

> ABC News, Parliament House

> P: s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material

> M: s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant material

> T: s47F - personal privacy: s22(1)(a)(ii) - irrelevant m

>

> -----

> Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

>

> The information contained in this email and any attachment is confidential and may contain legally privileged or copyright material. It is intended only for the use of the addressee(s). If you

are not the intended recipient of this email, you are not permitted to disseminate, distribute or copy this email or any attachments. If you have received this message in error, please notify the sender immediately and delete this email from your system. The ABC does not represent or warrant that this transmission is secure or virus free. Before opening any attachment you should check for viruses. The ABC's liability is limited to resupplying any email and attachments.