# Factsheet: Federal Budget 2018/19

## NDIS Australia-wide

This budget secures funding for the NDIS for the foreseeable future. It **commits $43B of Commonwealth money over the next four years** - consistent with the Commonwealth’s share.

## NDIS in states and territories

Over the coming year, state and territory governments will benefit from the transfer of almost **$3.4B from the DisabilityCare Australia Fund** - established in 2014 to assist governments to implement the NDIS.

## Mental health

There will be an **increase of $338M over four years in mental health funding**, which will focus on suicide prevention, research and older Australians.

## NDIS Jobs and Market Fund

**$64.3M over three years will establish an NDIS Jobs and Market Fund** with an aim to stimulate growth and investment. The Fund continues part of the work of the Sector Development Fund, which expires in June.

## Continuity of Support

The DSS will establish additional continuity of support arrangements at a cost of **$92M over five years** to ensure services for people currently receiving support who are ineligible for the NDIS.

## NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission

**$43M will establish the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission**. This funding will establish the national office and a regional office for NSW and SA.

## Disability Employment

**$10M over two years** will be provided to some three star and above DES providers to assist with transition to the new DES program.

**$500,000** has been set aside for consultation to "develop a new model for supported employment…”

## Carers Allowance

The Carers Allowance will be **means-tested for the first time**, with the government setting a $250,000 income test threshold. The money saved will be directed to Integrated Carer Support Service consisting of early intervention for carers.

## Epilepsy Action Response Service

Epilepsy Action Australia will receive **$1.3M over three years** to set up a national response service to provide information and expertise on epilepsy, especially in rural and remote areas.

## Disability Support Pension

The budget **projects a 2.3% decline in expenditure** on the DSP, continuing a trend which has seen the number of DSP recipients fall by over 70,000 since 2014.

[Read our full write-up on the Federal Budget 2018-19](https://www.nds.org.au/news/federal-budget-funds-the-ndis).