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**To:** [Natassia Chrysanthos](#)  
**Cc:** [media](#)  
**Subject:** RE: SMH/Age data [SEC=OFFICIAL]  
**Date:** Tuesday, 19 August 2025 4:00:35 PM  
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Hi Natassia

Thank you for your enquiry below.

We are seeking advice from the team and will come back to you as soon as we can.

Regards,

Carrie

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**From:** Natassia Chrysanthos  
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Hey Shaun -

The Q4 24-25 data I've got is from the supplements here:

[https://dataresearch.ndis.gov.au/reports-and-analyses/quarterly-report-supplements?\\_gl=1\\*t14xyj\\*\\_gcl\\_au\\*MTAyOTA4Mjc1OC4xNzQ5MDgyMzg3](https://dataresearch.ndis.gov.au/reports-and-analyses/quarterly-report-supplements?_gl=1*t14xyj*_gcl_au*MTAyOTA4Mjc1OC4xNzQ5MDgyMzg3)

And the previous four quarters from the data page here:

<https://dataresearch.ndis.gov.au/explore-data>

Q4 FY23/24	All Australia	Developmental Delay	81,256
Q1 FY24/25	All Australia	Developmental Delay	82,451

Q2 FY24/25	All Australia	Developmental Delay	82,108
Q3 FY24/25	All Australia	Developmental Delay	88,112
Q4 FY24/25	All Australia	Developmental Delay	83,443

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Let me check – I'll get back to you Natassia.

Cheers,

Shaun

**From:** Natassia Chrysanthos

**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 1:52 PM

**To:** media

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See response below.

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**From:** Natassia Chrysanthos <[n.chrysanthos@smh.com.au](mailto:n.chrysanthos@smh.com.au)>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 4:27 PM

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

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Hey Shaun

As discussed, I'm keen to know how much of the scheme is spent on early intervention (Or alternatively children with mild to moderate development delay or autism, but I suspect that is more difficult).

From what I can see in the quarterly report:

\* There are 173,466 children aged 0 to 8, with an average annual payment of \$19,100

**This would make a 2024-25 spend of \$3.3 billion on that age group (under 9s)**

\* I can also see, in another section, that active participant plans under early intervention alone total 235,728 participants. But I can't see the average annualised payment to that group

Let me know if your team has an appropriate figure on hand? Or if that \$3.3 billion figure is too blunt to be accurate?

Response by 6pm would be excellent if possible.

Many thanks

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Hi Natassia,  
 Sorry for delay.  
 See response to your two follow-up question below.  
 Shaun

Follow-up questions related to this response:

**In the 2024-25 financial year, the NDIS provided \$1.8 billion in payments for participants aged 0-8 with developmental delay and mild to moderate autism.**

**Question:**

1. How many children does that involve (0-8)?

**In the 2024-25 financial year, the NDIS provided \$1.8 billion in payments for 120,444 participants aged 0-8 with developmental delay and mild to moderate autism.**

2. What are comparable figures (cost and total children) for the 9-14 age group?

**In the 2024-25 financial year, the NDIS provided \$1.3 billion in payments for 94,421 participants aged 9-14 with developmental delay and mild to moderate autism.**

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