**NATIONAL DIABETES SERVICES SCHEME (NDSS)**

The National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) is administered on behalf of the Australian Government by Diabetes Australia Ltd under a five year agreement. Diabetes Australia has administered the Scheme since its establishment in 1987 through a series of grant agreements. The Scheme is managed by the Department through the Program Services Section, Pharmaceutical Access Branch, Pharmaceutical Benefits Division.

The NDSS provides access to products and services that support the self-management of diabetes at prices subsidised by the Australian Government. The products include syringes and needles, insulin infusion pump consumables and glucose testing strips.

The number of persons with diabetes registered with the NDSS increased by 4.75% in 2012-13 compared with an increase of 0.48% for 2011-12. The growth rate of Registrants on the NDSS has fluctuated since 2011-12. These variations are due to improvements in data cleansing processes under the current 2011-16 NDSS Funding Agreement.

Details of registrant numbers are as follows:

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| Number of persons with diabetes registered with NDSS |
| Year | Insulin using | % change | Non insulin using | % change | Total | % change |
| 1990-91 | 57,087 |   | 12,121 |   | 69,208 |   |
| 1991-92 | 67,693 | 18.58% | 19,479 | 60.70% | 87,172 | 25.96% |
| 1992-93 | 79,010 | 16.72% | 29,476 | 51.32% | 108,486 | 24.45% |
| 1993-94 | 90,962 | 15.13% | 42,643 | 44.67% | 133,605 | 23.15% |
| 1994-95 | 103,263 | 13.52% | 58,300 | 36.72% | 161,563 | 20.93% |
| 1995-96 | 116,275 | 12.60% | 76,772 | 31.68% | 193,047 | 19.49% |
| 1996-97 | 129,076 | 11.01% | 98,810 | 28.71% | 227,886 | 18.05% |
| 1997-98 | 142,484 | 10.39% | 128,162 | 29.71% | 270,646 | 18.76% |
| 1998-99 | 155,943 | 9.45% | 161,678 | 26.15% | 317,621 | 17.36% |
| 1999-2000 | 169,306 | 8.57% | 202,549 | 25.28% | 371,855 | 17.08% |
| 2000-01 | 182,327 | 7.69% | 246,805 | 21.85% | 429,132 | 15.40% |
| 2001-02 | 195,294 | 7.11% | 298,599 | 20.99% | 493,893 | 15.09% |
| 2002-03 | 207,632 | 6.32% | 353,825 | 18.50% | 561,457 | 13.68% |
| 2003-04 | 219,718 | 5.82% | 409,150 | 15.64% | 628,868 | 12.01% |
| 2004-05 | 231,563 | 5.39% | 466,409 | 13.99% | 697,972 | 10.99% |
| 2005-06 | 243,023 | 4.95% | 525,365 | 12.64% | 768,388 | 10.09% |
| 2006-07 | 255,482 | 5.13% | 588,580 | 12.03% | 844,062 | 9.85% |
| 2007-08 | 275,527 | 7.85% | 622,340 | 5.74% | 897,867 | 6.37% |
| 2008-09 | 289,940 | 5.23% | 577,567 | -7.19% | 867,507 | -3.37% |
| 2009-10 | 303,768 | 7.69% | 653,570 | 8.65% | 957,338 | 8.35% |
| 2010-11 | 329,142 | 8.35% | 703,575 | 7.65% | 1,032,717 | 7.87% |
| 2011-12 | 325,360 | -1.15% | 712,261 | 12.35% | 1,037,621 | 0.48% |
| 2012-13 | 342,349 | 5.22% | 744,511 | 4.53% | 1,086,860 | 4.75% |

The chart on the following page shows the NDSS expenditure from 1992-1993 to 2012-2013.

The Australian Government expenditure on the NDSS for the 2012-13 financial year was
$218.0 million, an increase of $11.5 million over the previous financial year.