

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:

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.