**NATIONAL DIABETES SERVICES SCHEME (NDSS)**

Since its establishment in 1987, Diabetes Australia (under Diabetes Australia Ltd) has assisted with the administration of the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) on behalf of the Australian Government under a multi-year agreement. The current agreement runs from 1 July 2016 until 30 June 2020.

The Scheme is managed by the Department of Health through the Diabetes Products 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. Products include syringes and needles, insulin infusion pump consumables, and blood and urine testing strips, and are available through Access Points nationally. Access Points comprise community pharmacies and very small numbers of other entities, such as health centres, hospitals and aged care facilities.

The growth rate of Registrants on the NDSS has fluctuated since 2011-12. These variations may be attributed to improvements in data cleansing processes under the previous NDSS Funding Agreement that ended on 30 June 2016.

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% |
| 2013-14 | 356,807 | 4.22% | 776,605 | 4.31% | 1,133,412 | 4.28% |
| 2014-15 | 371,197 | 4.03% | 804,983 | 3.65% | 1,176,180 | 3.77% |
| 2015-16 | 383,439 | 3.3% | 827,812 | 2.84% | 1,211,251 | 3% |

The chart on the following page shows the NDSS expenditure from 1992-1993 to 2015-2016.

Total NDSS expenditure for the 2015-16 financial year was $249.5 million. This includes Australian Government funding and Registrant co-payments and is an increase of $15.7 million over the previous financial year.