



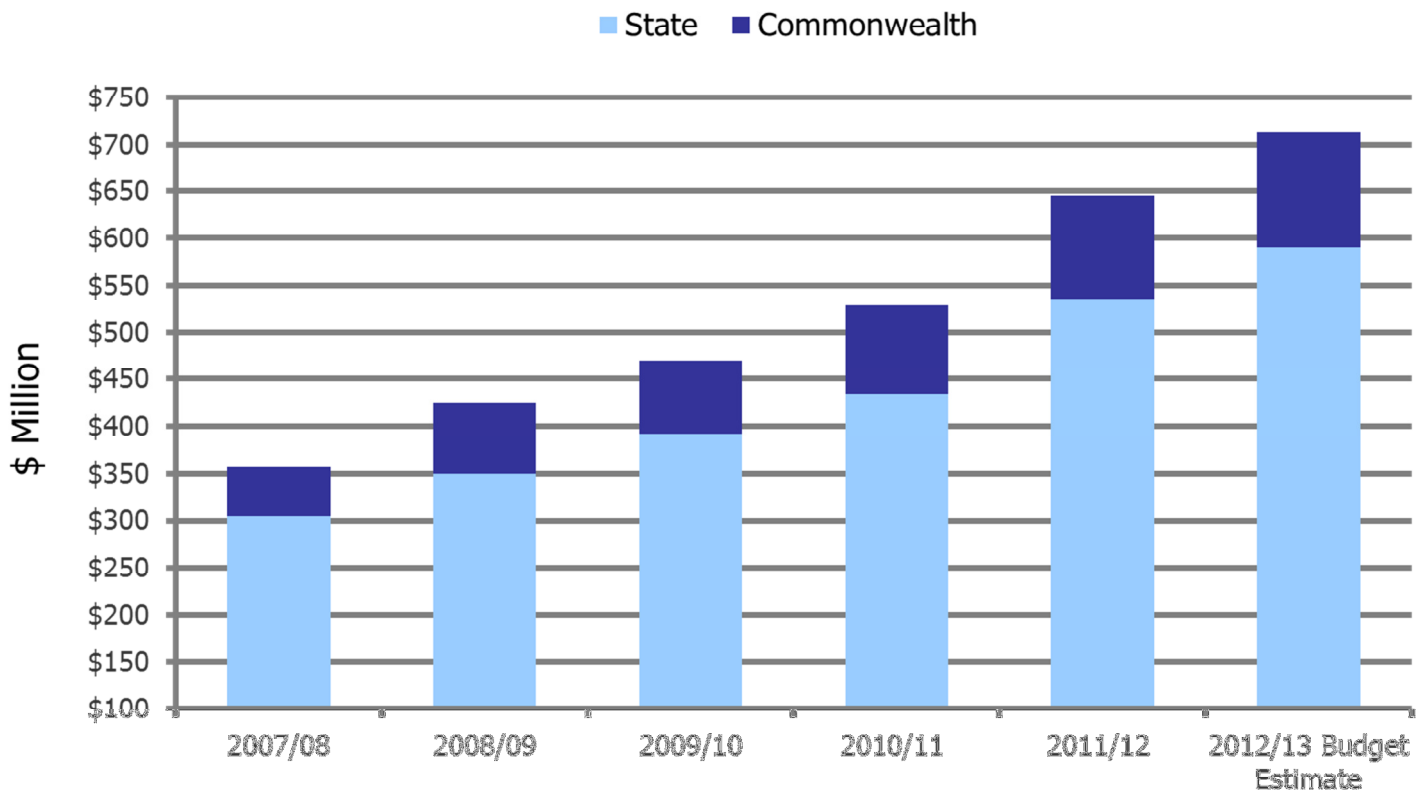
Disability Support Funding Bulletin

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The State Government allocates funding to support people with disability, their families and carers. The Disability Services Commission (the Commission) operates a number of funding programs that allocate funding to individuals based on a fair and equitable assessment of need. This funding is used to purchase a wide range of supports and services. Funding for disability services has increased at an average of 14 per cent per annum in the last six years (including indexation).

This bulletin provides information on funding for new services and new individuals in addition to the Commission's existing expenditure on 23,412 people with disability. Between July and December 2012, \$32 million was provided for new services to individuals. This represents nearly six per cent of the annual expenditure on services for people with disability, which is currently more than \$710 million per annum. The graph below shows the growth in funding received by the Commission from both the State and Commonwealth Governments from \$357 million in 2007 – 08 to an estimated \$713 million in 2012 – 13.

Growth in Combined State and Commonwealth funding



Previously, reports on the allocation of new funding by the Commission were limited to the funding allocated through the Combined Application Process (CAP). While this funding stream represents a significant proportion of individualised funding expenditure, it only includes Accommodation Support, Intensive Family Support and Alternatives to Employment.

This Disability Support Funding Bulletin replaces the CAP Bulletin. It includes information about the full range of individualised funding allocations and will be published every six months to ensure that people with disability, their families and carers and the community have access to contemporary data on the supports and services that have been funded.

Funding outcomes July – December 2012

For the first half of 2012 – 2013 more than \$32 million of new funding was available for people with disability, their families and carers for a range of supports. These funds enabled 313 additional people to be recommended for individual support and for 25 people to receive an increase in their current level of support. A further 5,484 people received aids or equipment. As at June 2012, prior to the new funding, the Commission was supporting 23,412 people.

72	Number of people who received new funding for out-of-home Accommodation Support
48	Number of people who received new funding for Accommodation Support for individuals with high support needs living with their families
45	Number of people who received new funding for Individual Family Support
53	Number of people who received new funding for Alternatives to Employment
25	Number of people who received more funding for increased supports , due to their needs changing and becoming more complex over time
5,484	Number of people who received new funding for Aids and Equipment
NA	Number of people who received new funding for Post School Options (See note below.)
35	Number of people who received new funding for the Community Living Initiative
85	Number of people who received new funding for the Family Living Initiative
\$32,259,441	Total funding allocated

Note: Allocation of funds to school leavers from the Post School Options program occurs annually and data is not available for this edition of the Disability Support Funding Bulletin. It will instead be available in the bulletin scheduled for July 2013.

Combined Application Process: Trends from 2009 – 10 to 2011 – 12

This section provides additional information on the total increase in new funding provided through CAP over the past three years. Between 2009-10 and 2011-12 the Commission allocated new funding of more than \$93 million through the CAP for Accommodation Support Funding, Intensive Family Support, and Alternatives to Employment. This money was in addition to existing supports provided through these programs. This funding has allowed 1,079 new individuals to be supported with a further 219 receiving an increase to their level of support as their needs changed and became more complex over time.

	2009 – 10	2010 – 11	2011 – 12
Total new funding allocated	\$21,087,883	\$32,232,185	\$40,354,958
Total number of people receiving new funding	287	362	430
Total number of people receiving more funding for increased supports	35	96	88

Note: Applications which are not funded in a round are carried over to the next round. On average two thirds of applications that are received have been carried over. While a person may not receive their requested funding immediately, alternative services from a range of service providers are accessed by the majority of applicants while waiting for subsequent funding rounds to be processed.

Recent Trends

Time periods

The length of time between applying for services and receiving those services is an important matter for people with disability, their families, and carers. The Commission monitors the waiting period experienced by people applying for CAP and for recent CAP services, many applications were funded within two years, specifically:

- 63 per cent of applications for accommodation support
- 72 per cent of applications for support in the family home
- 64 per cent of applications for alternatives to employment.

Age distribution

Over the past six years there has been a notable shift in the age distribution of CAP applicants. In 2006 – 07 there was a peak in the number of applications from individuals aged 16 – 25 years. This peak has now shifted to individuals aged 50 years or older. This is partly due to the introduction of more appropriate service delivery strategies, such as Post School Options and the Community Living program.

Further information

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