

**Subject:** data request to NDDA

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**To:** Minister Butler <minister.butler@health.gov.au>

Dear Minister Butler

I write to you to request data from the NDDA because there seem no effective way for A4 to make the request directly to the NDDA.

A4 would appreciate data showing:

1. how many children aged 0-6 years were NDIS participants each quarter since September 2024 (when NDIS reporting for this age group ceased ... it changed to the 0-8 year age group). Note: while the NDIS Act 2013 defines developmental delay to be up to age 6 years, this data is important.
2. annually (or quarterly) since 2020, the breakdown of autistic NDIS participants by its internal severity rating, age (or age group), and state/territory.
3. annually (or quarterly) since 2020, the breakdown of autistic NDIS participants by DSM-5 severity level, age (or age group), and state/territory.

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