

Subject: refined data request ...

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To: National Disability Insurance Agency Enquiries <enquiries@ndis.gov.au>

Attn: Ms Emma Cotterill, Acting General Manager, Engagement and Improvement, National Disability Insurance Agency

Dear Ms Cotterill

I write in response to your letter MC26-004012 10/7/2026. I thank you for the data you provided.

Please can you provide a version of the data in the first table (0-6 year olds since Sep-24) broken down by disability type? ... or for the disability types autism, developmental delay, global developmental delay, and intellectual disability. Notice, these data were available until Sep-24, but those data stopped being available when the change to reporting 0-8, 9-14 year age groups happened. However, with the *NDIS Act 2013* defining "*developmental delay*" means a delay in the development of a child under 6 years of age" and previous reporting of age group 0-6 years, data for the 0-6 year age group helps better understanding of what happens for children in their earlier years.

You may also be interested to know that after the DSM-IV, the DSM-5 does not have a Roman numeral as its number. Writing "DSM-V" does not enhance the Agency's credibility.

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The autism issue is that autistic people just don't deliver on the plans, dreams and expectations in other peoples' heads.