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1. What will be the total Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) disability service staff number post-National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?

Answer

The Victorian Government continues to have concerns regarding the rate of transition of statefunded clients to the National Disability Insurance Scheme as well as current and emerging service gaps with the scheme. The Department of Health and Human Services will continue to assess the transition with regards to future staffing in disability services. Public Accounts and Estimates Committee | Inquiry into the 2019-20 Budget Estimates

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2. Given that news, on what time frame, and what aggregate value are you estimating that to be to the government?

Answer

Under the Central Banking System (CBS) model all general government agencies are required to hold their surplus funds in a bank account with the state's banker (currently Westpac).

Agencies are paid a market-based interest rate (currently 1.65 per cent) on their CBS funds which are available at call, for agencies to meet expenditure.

Compensation paid is calculated based on the actual balance agencies hold in the CBS, and the interest rate gap between what was earned in pre-CBS arrangements and the CBS rate.

The Department of Health and Human Services (the department) has distributed the compensation for the period from December 2018 to April 2019 as a grant to its portfolio agencies in May 2019 and will accrue the balance to June 2019 for payment in February 2020.

Based on balances that agencies had transferred to the CBS as at 16 June 2019, the value of estimated compensation grants is \$1.1 million for the 2018-19 Financial year and \$3 million for 2019-20.