

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME — WORKER SCREENING CHECK APPLICATIONS

1385. Hon Martin Aldridge to the minister representing the Minister for Community Services:

- (1) I refer to applications for National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Worker Screening Check and I ask, for the 2021–22 financial year and the 2022–23 financial year to 31 December 2022 and I ask, for each financial year of part thereof, please specify the number of applications processed:
 - (a) in total;
 - (b) for paid employees;
 - (c) for volunteers/unpaid workers; and
 - (d) for eligible concession card holders?
- (2) For each financial year of part thereof, what was the total amount received by Government in fees for this service:
 - (a) in total;
 - (b) in respect to applications for paid employees;
 - (c) in respect to applications for volunteers/unpaid work; and
 - (d) in respect to applications from eligible concession card holders?
- (3) Noting that applicants are required to attend a Department of Transport Driver and Vehicle Service Centre to complete the application process, is the Government considering any measures to reduce barriers for applicants who may not have a DoT centre in their community and, if so, please provide detail?
- (4) With regards to the Working With Children Check (WWCC) screening, for the 2021–22 financial year and the 2022–23 financial year to 31 December 2022, for each financial year or part thereof, please specify the number of applications processed:
 - (a) in total;
 - (b) in respect to paid employees or self-employed people; and
 - (c) in respect to volunteers, unpaid workers or students on unpaid placements?
- (5) For each financial year or part thereof please specify the amount of money receives as fees for the WWCC screening service:
 - (a) in total;
 - (b) in respect to paid employees and self-employed people; and
 - (c) in respect to volunteers, unpaid workers and students on unpaid placements?
- (6) For the 2021–22 financial year, what was the cost to Government of delivering NDIS worker screening checks?
- (7) For the 2021–22 financial year, what was the cost to Government of delivering WWCC screening checks?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

- (1)–(3) and (6) The answers to 1, 2, 3 and 6 are provided on behalf of the Minister for Disability Services who has responsibility for the NDIS:

- (1) (a)–(b)

NDIS Worker Screening Applications Processed		
	2021/22 FY	1 July to 31 December 2022
Paid employees	23,086	10,368
Volunteers/unpaid workers	7,745	3,599
Eligible concession card holders	3,523	1,387
Total	34,354	15,354

- (2) (a)–(b)

NDIS Worker Screening Government Fees		
	2021/22 FY (\$)	1 July to 31 December 2022 (\$)
Paid employees	3,303,680	1,537,870
Volunteers/unpaid workers	85,690	40,117
Eligible concession card holders	284,640	112,960

Total	3,674,010	1,690,947
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- (3) If a person cannot visit a Department of Transport Driver and Vehicle Service Centre, they may request an alternate lodgement process after completing the online application form. The Department of Communities (Communities) then works with that individual to enable lodgement.

Communities is working closely with the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Office of Digital Government to develop a fully online application process, the online portal that will include identity verification to Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission standards.

- (6) \$241,595.

The cost to government of delivering the NDIS screening checks has been calculated as the actual total expense, minus the actual total revenue received from all regulated fees.

Answers from the Minister for Child Protection for matters which fall within the Child Protection Portfolio:

- (4) (a)–(c)

Working with Children Check Applications Processed		
	2021/22 FY	1 July to 31 December 2022
Paid employees or self-employed people	102,626	49,333
Volunteers, unpaid workers, students on unpaid placements	44,842	20,652
Total	147,468	69,985

- (5) (a)–(c)

Working with Children Check Application Fees Received		
	2021/22 FY (\$)	1 July to 31 December 2022 (\$)
Paid employees or self-employed people	8,854,773	4,280,052
Volunteers, unpaid workers, students on unpaid placements	488,543	225,951
Total	9,343,316	4,506,003

- (7) \$2,984,238.