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The Disability Support Services Taskforce is working on how disability support services should best be provided in the future.

We want to acknowledge many of you have given feedback throughout the year on disability support services, and we want to thank you for that.

This next survey will build on what you have already told us.

We would really appreciate your feedback on some key questions to help us better understand and consider these very important supports and services. Both in the short and longer term.

The survey is anonymous, and we are not collecting personal information through it. We do not provide information about your survey responses to any other individual, company or government body, except as required by law. Any identifiable information provided by you will be treated in confidence.

This survey is only the first round of input on this work. Further community engagement and consultation will be held in early 2025.

This initial survey will help us develop policy options to come back to you early next year. And after that, Cabinet will make decisions.

The background to this work is that in August an Independent Review found there was unsustainable spending increases. And a lack of fairness and transparency around what support disabled people can access.

The Government wants to put Disability Support Services on a sustainable basis longer-term.

The Government also wants to better manage cost pressures and improve consistency, fairness and transparency.

For this survey, we are seeking feedback on three main topics:

* The first where we would value your input is on more general questions on future disability support services.
* The second is about flexible funding and eligibility and what funding can be used for (Recommendation Five)
* The third area is about needs assessments and the allocation of support (Recommendation Six).

These topics relate to Recommendations of the Independent Review, and to inform longer-term planning to improve disability services.

You can take part in the survey on the Disability Support Services website (<https://www.disabilitysupport.govt.nz/>).

If you would like to email your responses, please send them to dss\_submissions@msd.govt.nz

## Survey Questions

Are you responding to this survey as a: (please select one)

* disabled person
* family/whānau member
* carer
* service provider
* NASC
* EGL site
* community group

Which region do you live in most of the time? (please select one)

* Northland
* Auckland
* Waikato
* Bay of Plenty
* Taranaki
* East Coast
* Central
* Wellington
* Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast
* Canterbury (including Chatham Islands)
* Southern

What services and supports do you receive?

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What services and supports do you provide?

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## Overall response to the Independent Review

These questions are about the future state of the Disability Support Services system.

1. What is the role and purpose of Disability Support Services in disabled people's and their whānau/families', aiga and carers lives?

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1. Is the role of government agencies in supporting disabled people clear?

1= Yes

2 = No

Prefer not to say

(If "no" in Q2)

1. If no, please provide examples.

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1. How do you find navigating between different parts of government?

1 = Very hard

2 = Hard

3 = Neutral – not hard, not easy

4 = Easy

5 = Very Easy

Not sure/Prefer not to say

1. What supports would help make this easier?

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1. What short-term actions, over the next one to two years, do you think would improve disability support services?

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1. What short-term actions, over the next one to two years, do you think would help better manage the cost of disability support services to the Government?

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1. Longer term, what changes do you think would help improve disability support services?

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1. What changes do you think would make disability support services fairer?

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## Recommendation Five

The following questions are about needs assessment and services coordinated at your NASC or EGL site for disability support services you receive. We are especially interested in the views of disabled people whānau / families', aiga and carers.

1. When you had your needs assessment done (or for the person you support), did the assessment do a good job of establishing the support required? (for example, identification of support or reasonable timeframes to determine those supports)

1 = Yes

2 = No

Not sure/Prefer not to say

1. If "Yes" to Rec Five, Q1.

How well did the services coordinated to you (or the person you support), match the needs identified?

1 = Very poorly

2 = Poorly

3 = Neutral (not poor, but not well either)

4 = Well

5 = Very well

Not Sure/Prefer not to say

If "no" to Q 1. (a)

1. What could improve the coordination of services to match your identified needs?

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1. What can be done to improve assessments to establish the support required?

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1. Is it clear what the process of reassessment of services and needs is, and how it works?
2. = Yes
3. = No

Not sure/ prefer not to say

1. If "no" to Q2

What could be done to make it easier to understand?

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## Recommendation Six

The following questions are about criteria and flexible funding of Disability Support Services.

1. What things need to be worked through in setting eligibility for flexible funding?

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Not sure/Prefer not to say

2. Are there situations where you can only access what you need through flexible funding, support that would otherwise be unavailable?

1 = Yes

2 = No

Not sure/prefer not to say

1. If "yes" to Q. 2

What are some examples?

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Not sure/ prefer not to say

3. Is it clear what flexible funding can be used for?

1 = Yes

2 = No

Not sure / prefer not to say

4. What suggestions do you have to make flexible funding simpler?

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Not sure/Prefer not to say

5. Are the purchasing rules and guidelines clear and easy to understand?

1 = Yes

2 = No

Not Sure/Prefer not to say

1. If "no" to Q 5

What suggestions do you have to make the purchasing rules or guidelines easier to understand?

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