

Report on Government Services 2013

**SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY  
(CHAPTER 14)**

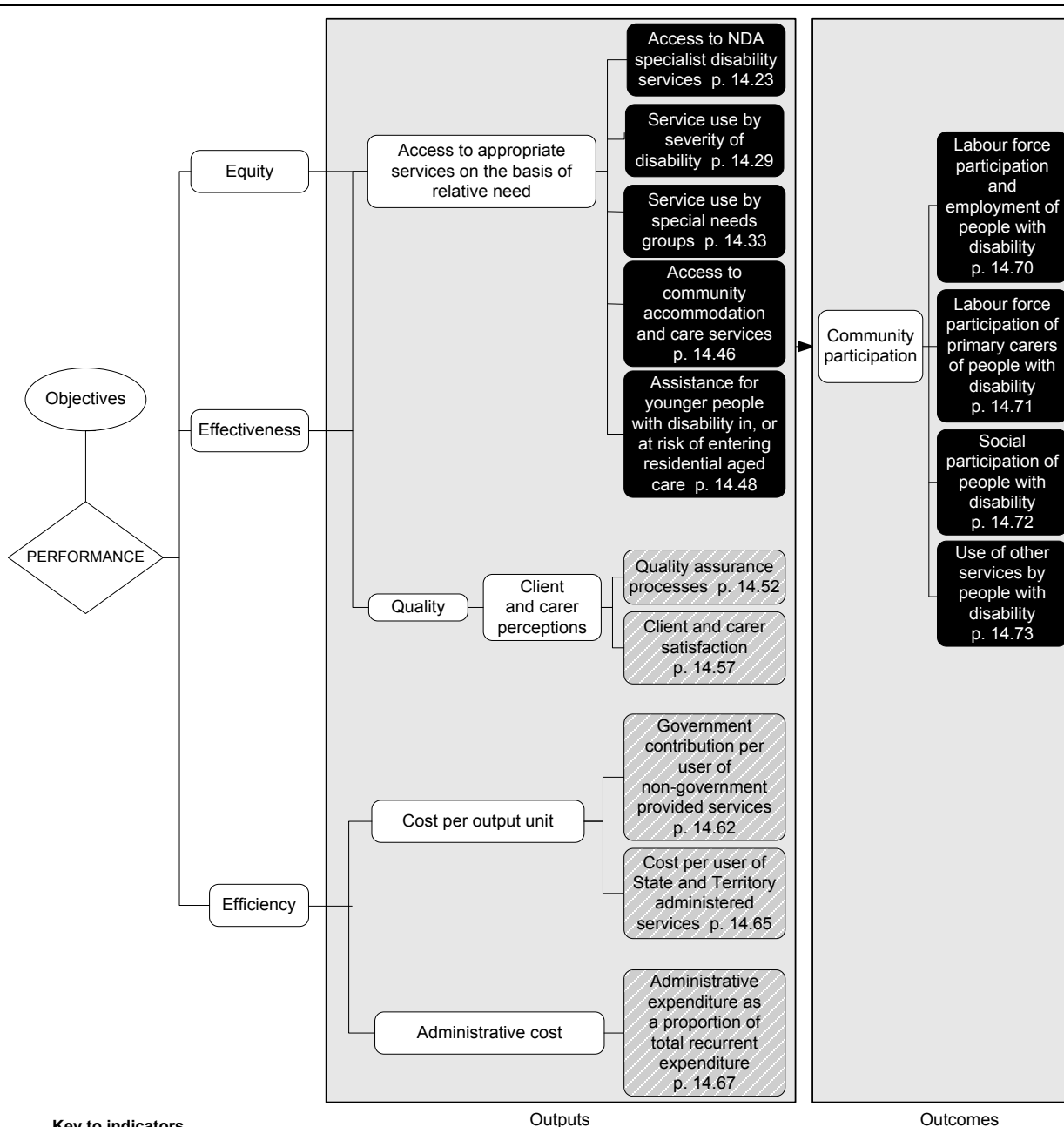
This chapter reports on the assistance provided by governments to people with disability and their carers, focusing on specialist disability services.

- The National Disability Agreement (NDA), effective from 1 January 2009, provides the national framework and key areas of reform for the provision of government support and services for people with disability and their carers. The focus of this chapter is on the services and supports provided under this agreement.
- Total government expenditure on specialist disability services was \$6.9 billion in 2011-12, a real increase of 1.7 per cent on expenditure in 2010-11 (\$6.3 billion) (p. 14.9). Of all specialist disability funding in 2011-12, 68.7 per cent came from State and Territory governments and 31.3 per cent came from the Australian Government (p. 14.9).
- In 2010-11, 301 016 people were reported as using specialist disability services provided under the NDA (table 14A.13). This represents 61.2 per cent of the estimated number of people aged under 65 years in Australia with a profound or severe core activity limitation (p. 14.15).
- The potential population that estimates the number of people most likely to seek specialist disability services has been revised to better capture this group of people. As a result a lower potential population is calculated. The potential population has been backcast to the 2008-09 year.

**Objectives of services for people with disability**

- The Australian, State and Territory governments aim to ensure that people with disability and their carers have an enhanced quality of life and participate as valued members of the community (p. 14.20).
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Services for people with disability performance indicator framework (figure 14.8, p. 14.22)



**Key to indicators**

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