



Disability Royal Commission Australian Government Response: Volume 12

Beyond the Royal Commission

Volume 12 considers monitoring and reporting on action in response to the Disability Royal Commission's recommendations, and disability data improvements. It includes 8 recommendations, all of which are within the Australian Government's primary or shared responsibility.

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Recommendation	Australian Government Response
12.1: Government responses to the Final report	Accept in principle
12.2: Implementation of the Final report recommendations	Accept in principle
12.3: Progress reporting on implementation of recommendations	Accept in principle
12.4: Evaluation of effectiveness in improving outcomes	Accept in principle
12.5: A nationally consistent approach to data collection	Accept in principle
12.6: Disability flags in data collection for mainstream services	Accept in principle
12.7: Improving disability data collection	Accept in principle
12.8: Long-term support for the National Disability Data Asset	Accept in principle

Key actions and initiatives

The Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC) has responsibility for monitoring and overseeing the implementation of Disability Royal Commission recommendations.

DRMC will report annually to National Cabinet on the implementation of Disability Royal Commission recommendations. This will include input from other Ministerial Councils on progress made on recommendations within their responsibility.

The Australian Government acknowledges the importance of data collection and publication and its role in safeguarding against violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation. Improved data collection will inform an evidence-based approach to ongoing reform to support better outcomes for people with disability.

The Government will accelerate work to resolve data gaps in relation to the reporting requirements under *Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031* (ADS) Outcomes Framework by the end of 2024. An action plan will be developed with agreed timeframes to drive data collection (including gender disaggregated data) and reporting on data-related Disability Royal Commission recommendations. The action plan is expected to be published in 2024.

As part of the broader ADS Review work, the Government will produce and publish a revised Data Improvement Plan in December 2024. It will provide a progress update on the data gaps that are being addressed and outline areas for ongoing data development, collection and reporting.

The Government is committed to delivering the enduring National Disability Data Asset and contributing to ongoing costs through the National Disability Data Asset Memorandum of Understanding, signed by Disability Ministers in mid-2023. Ongoing work to deliver the National Disability Data Asset will also support implementation of the Disability Royal Commission recommendations over time.

Government investment

- The 2023-24 Budget committed **\$31.4 million** to deliver the National Disability Data Asset, which will streamline and improve disability data collection.