



Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2023–2024

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Homes and New Suburbs

Reference: Housing for people with a disability

Hearing: 10/02/2025

In relation to: Housing

Question received: 03 April 2025

Answer Due: 11 April 2025

The Suburban Land Agency has agreed to prioritise housing for people with a disability. The development of options was informed by discussions with ACT Government Agencies as well as community-based groups and people with lived experience of disability.

(1) Did the Suburban Land Agency engage with groups such as Hartley House and inter-state groups such as the Summer Foundation.

(2) Has an implementation plan been developed and what actions are proposed?

(3) If not, when will the implementation plan be prepared? Will the implementation plan be released?

Ms Yvette Berry MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) A range of stakeholders were invited to attend a series of workshops in early 2024 to help inform how the Suburban Land Agency (SLA) could prioritise housing for people with disability within the existing legislative framework. Stakeholders included Advocacy groups representing a range of disabilities, Community Housing Providers, Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) Providers, NDIS providers, the ACT Inclusion Council and Individuals and Organisations that have previously contacted SLA in relation to people with a disability. Hartley Lifecare and Liverty Housing (formerly Summer Housing) received invitations but did not attend.
- 2) An internal implementation plan has been developed and includes actions to:
 - a. Investigate a rebate for buyers who choose to build a fully accessible or adaptable dwelling, such as Liveable Housing Design Guideline (LHDG) Gold or Platinum in SLA's next estate.

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- b. Investigate offering restricted/priority ballot process for land identified as suitable for fully accessible or adaptable dwellings.
 - c. Investigate allowing for more flexibility within SLA's over-the-counter sales processes for people with disability, such as allowing longer holding periods.
 - d. Investigate a pilot selling land and/or dwellings via off the plan sales by developers under project delivery deeds directly to Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) providers.
 - e. Investigate a pilot to sell accessible and affordable dwellings via off the plan sales by developers under project delivery deeds to eligible buyers based on the Affordable Home Purchase Scheme (AHPS).
- 3) Refer to above.

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Signature:
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