



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Chiaka Barry MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Children, Youth and Families

Redirected to: Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services

Reference: HCSD

Hearing: 12 November 2025

In relation to: Regulation of community service providers and Housing ACT and NDIS SDA

Question received: 19 November 2025

Answer Due: 27 November 2025

1. As the regulator for specialist disability support providers, were you aware of the issues being experienced by Community Housing Providers and Housing ACT, with accessing the NDIS SDA scheme?
2. When did you first become aware of those problems?
3. What advice did you provide to the Minister on this issue?
4. When did you first provide that advice?
5. How did that issue come about in the first place?
6. Have you provided written advice to Executives in the Directorate or the Minister?
7. Are you satisfied that no reasonable disability modification that could have been covered under the NDIS has been missed because of these challenges?
8. Are you doing any further reviews to satisfy yourselves and Canberrans that no person with a disability has been disadvantaged?

Ms Suzanne Orr MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. The ACT Human Services Registrar (ACT HSR) has no oversight of Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) funding or related matters. The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Quality and Safeguards Commission oversees SDA through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (Specialist Disability Accommodation Conditions) Rules 2018 (SDA Rules). The SDA Rules require all providers to be registered NDIS providers and for all dwellings to be enrolled with the National Disability Insurance Agency.

2. I was briefed on this issue in December 2024.
3. Health and Community Services Directorate (HCSD) has briefed me as Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services on the registration status of Housing ACT as a NDIS SDA provider.
4. HCSD briefed me as the Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services on the registration status of Housing ACT in December 2024.

As the ACT HSR has no oversight of SDA funding or related matters, I was not briefed on issues being experienced by Community Housing Providers and Housing ACT with accessing the NDIS SDA scheme.

5. The ACT HSR has no oversight of NDIS SDA. As Housing ACT does not sit within the Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services, I am unable to answer this question.
6. Health and Community Services Directorate has briefed the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and Early Childhood and Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services on the matter.
7. The ACT HSR has no oversight of NDIS SDA.
8. Consideration of an inquiry by a committee was agreed to in the ACT Legislative Assembly on 3 December 2025.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Social Policy



Signature:

Date: 05/12/25

By the Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services, Ms Suzanne Orr MLA