



Inquiry into Specialist Disability Accommodation service delivery through Housing ACT

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Fiona Carrick MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Disability, Carers and Community Services

Reference: HCSD

Hearing: 15 June 2026

In relation to: SDA - Due Diligence on SDA Barriers

Question received: 20 June 2026

Answer Due: 29 June 2026

Minister, these questions are about due diligence and SDA barriers:

1. What due diligence did you (and the Minister for Housing) undertake to understand the barriers identified by officials, such as eligibility conflicts, tenancy arrangements, and lack of data?
2. Did you (and the Minister for Housing) seek independent advice or external expertise on how to operationalise SDA in the ACT?
3. Were you (and the Minister for Housing) provided with options for overcoming these barriers, such as:
 - a. legislative changes
 - b. creating a separate SDA entity
 - c. partnering with specialist providers?
4. Why weren't tenants with SDA in their packages advised that they could only use the SDA part of their package if they were in a SDA registered home that is managed by a housing provider that accesses the SDA scheme?

Thank you.

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

In addressing questions 1-3, please note I cannot provide answers on behalf of the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs.

1. I did not have visibility of, or involvement in, the operational decision making of Housing ACT in relation to SDA registration or funding as this agency is within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs.
2. I did not seek any independent advice on how to operationalise SDA in the ACT as SDA registration and funding is within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs.
3. No formal decision was sought from government on this matter. The operational decision making of Housing ACT in relation to SDA registration and funding is within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs.
4. The inclusions and restrictions related to funding and programs under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) are the responsibility of the NDIS and NDIS plan managers to explain to NDIS participants.

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Signature:

Date: 29/06/26

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