



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 Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

Reference: HCSD

Hearing: 11 May 2026

In relation to: SDA funding – strategy and implementation actions

Question received: 17 May 2026

Answer Due: 25 May 2026

Minister, given the ACT has a general Disability Strategy and a general Housing Strategy, but no dedicated disability housing strategy or SDA implementation plan:

1. How is the Government ensuring a coordinated approach to disability housing outcomes?
2. Do the other states and territories have disability housing strategies and how do they access SDA funding?
3. Will the government develop a disability housing strategy, with actions and timelines to access SDA funding and deliver better housing outcomes?

Thank you.

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

1. Improving housing outcomes for people with disability is a key theme of the local and national disability reform agenda, including actions arising from the Disability Royal Commission, the Review of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-31, the ACT Disability Strategy 2024-33, and the *Disability Inclusion Act 2024* (ACT).

The ACT Government is actively engaged in this disability reform agenda and is committed to ensuring people with disability have access to safe, suitable and affordable housing, noting this is critical to achieving our commitment to building a more inclusive ACT, where people with disability can fully participate in all aspects of community life.

2. Housing ACT engaged with other states and territories in early 2024 to learn their respective approaches to Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA). At that time, South Australia, Tasmania, and New South Wales were exploring options to become SDA providers having previously not been active in SDA. Western Australia had not become an SDA provider and was providing housing to this cohort through other existing arrangements.

Queensland and Victoria were the only jurisdictions to have accessed funding at that point, with Queensland being an SDA provider with tenancy management provided by Community Housing Providers, and Victoria acting as a direct SDA provider.

The ACT Government has not engaged with other jurisdictions as to whether they have disability housing strategies in place.

3. As per the *Disability Inclusion Act 2024*, the ACT Government will develop a disability inclusion strategy for inclusive homes and communities. Whilst the content of this strategy is yet to be determined, it is important to reiterate that SDA is only available to a very small proportion of National Disability Insurance Scheme participants and is a very narrow mechanism for providing appropriate housing for people with disability.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and Administration

Signature:

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Date:

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By the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs, Ms Yvette Berry MLA