



Inquiry into Specialist Disability Accommodation service delivery through Housing ACT

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs

Reference: HCSD

Hearing: 11 May 2026

In relation to: Specialist Disability Accommodation operationalisation

Question received: 18 May 2026

Answer Due: 25 May 2026

1. When was the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs first advised that Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) had not been operationalised?
2. Were annual updates provided to the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs on the operation of the SDA scheme between 2020 and 2025?

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

1. Housing ACT had not previously sought a decision by government to operationalise the SDA provider function. It provided me with an update on the work it had been doing to understand the operational, resourcing and policy requirements of being a registered provider, as well as the complex barriers to operationalising the SDA function, in July 2023.
2. While Housing ACT registered to be an SDA provider, it never operationalised this function and had not sought authority from government to do so. As such, there were no annual updates on the operation of the SDA provider function.

Following the brief in July 2023, there were updates provided to me and my office as part of Housing ACT progressing work to understand the operational, resourcing and policy requirements of being a registered provider to inform the government's future decision making.

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Date:

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