

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2016-2017 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 3.2 National Disability Insurance Scheme Question No: SQ17-000089**

**Topic: NDIS Housing**

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**Senator Rachel Siewert** asked:

The NDIS is only a small part of the housing solution for people with disability. What data is the government collecting on NDIS participants who cannot find suitable accommodation?

a. What are we finding out about housing barriers for people with disability?

**Answer:**

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) collects information on participant living arrangements prior to plan approval.

As a part of pre-planning questions, staff will complete a Participant Statement, which will ask questions about living arrangements, relationships and supports. This information is recorded as free text and is used for planning purposes.

Participants are also asked to complete a survey as part of the Outcomes Framework. This survey has a component on housing. Participants are asked to identify their current living arrangements from the below list of values:

- Private home: owned by self/family
- Private home: rented from private landlord
- Private home: rented from public authority
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community residence
- Boarding house/private hotel
- Hostel
- Supported accommodation
- Large residential (20+ people)
- Small residential (<20 people)
- Short-term crisis
- Temporary shelter (homeless)
- "Other, please specify"

The survey then asks participants:

- Whether they are happy with their home? (including due to factors related to their support needs)
- Whether they will want to live there in 5 years time?
- What is stopping them from living in a home they would choose? (including lack of support, lack of choice and lack of affordable options)
- Whether they feel safe in their home?
- Whether the NDIS has helped to choose a home that is right for them?

The participant outcomes framework survey is intended to be collected over time so that outcomes for participants can be monitored. Results from the Outcomes Framework Pilot Study are available online at <https://www.ndis.gov.au/document/outcomes-framework-pilot>

In addition to this, the NDIA has knowledge of participants and potential participants who are residents in aged care facilities. These are identified by data matching with unit record information provided by the Department of Health.