

**Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**  
Budget Estimates – 4 June 2021  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
Social Services Portfolio  
National Disability Insurance Agency

**Topic:** Specialist Disability Accommodation market

**Question reference number:** NDIA SQ21-000118

**Outcome Number:** 3

**Senator:** Jordon Steele-John

**Type of Question:** Written

**Date set by the Committee for the return of answer:** 28 July 2021

**Question:**

8. The NDIA expects SDA funding to be around \$700 million per annum at full Scheme, yet only \$197.5 million is currently allocated in participants' plans.

- a. Is the NDIA adopting cost-cutting measures by reducing the number of SDA approvals?
- b. When does the government expect the budgeted amount to be allocated in plans?

**Answer:**

8.a. No. Funding decisions need to consider all elements from Section 34 of the NDIS Act – including consideration of value for money and participant goals. These decisions may include consideration of whether or not SDA is to be funded, and the relevant funding of supports to maintain this arrangement.

8.b. As at 30 June 2021, 16,033 participants have SDA in their plan, noting this is expected to increase to approximately 30,000 participants by 2025. The funding allocated to SDA will continue to be monitored.