

Question on notice no. 162

Portfolio question number: NDIA SQ22-000020

2021-22 Additional estimates

Community Affairs Committee, Social Services Portfolio

Senator Jordon Steele-John: asked the National Disability Insurance Agency on 24 February 2022—

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Answer —

Please see the attached answer.

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Social Services Portfolio

National Disability Insurance Agency

Topic: Home and Living Panel

Question reference number: NDIA SQ22-000020

Outcome Number: 3

Senator: Jordon Steele-John

Type of Question: Written

Date set by the Committee for the return of answer: 25 March 2022

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Answer:

2. The below table includes Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) data from 31 December 2019 to 31 December 2021 for the Home and Living Panel. Home and Living decisions, which includes SDA, are made by delegates of the Chief Executive Officer and based on determination of what is reasonable and necessary for a given participant.

	SDA Panel			Home and Living Panel				
	1 Jan 2020 - 31 Mar 2020	1 Apr 2020 - 30 Jun 2020	1 July 2020 – 30 Sept 2020	1 Oct 2020 – 31 Dec 2020	1 Jan 2021 – 31 Mar 2021	1 Apr 2021 – 30 Jun 2021	1 Jul 2021 – 30 Sept 2021	1 Oct 2021 – 31 Dec 2021
SDA Requests^	568	632	1105	878	1,083*#	N/A*	1454	2154
Decisions								
Average Days to produce a Panel Decision**	45 days	17 days	29 days	17 days	21 days	17 days	18 days	32 days
Eligible for SDA	643	705	802	960	608	1137	1127	1447
% Eligible for SDA	96%	94%	92%	80%	75%	78%	66%	58%
Not Eligible for SDA	24	50	72	235	182	328	579	1047
Participants funded to live alone	158	255	205	170	69	123	171	218
Eligible while in Hospital	80	257	73	127	76	120	222	273

^ Is a count of the number of requests received during the reporting period, not all are processed within the same period.

* The NDIA transitioned to a new data reporting system in February 2021 which did not discriminate between housing support options being sought and, as such, SDA specific requests could not be separated from other housing support option requests such as Individualised Living Options (ILOs), Supported Independent Living (SIL) or Assisted Daily Living (ADL). This was corrected from 1 July 2021 when the NDIA modified the reporting system to again delineate the individual requested supports within each Home and Living request.

Includes available data up to the point of system cut over

** Decisions relating to SDA are only one part of the end to end planning process. All supports need to be related to a participant's disability, value for money, effective and beneficial, and most appropriately funded or provided by the NDIS. Each support must meet reasonable and necessary criteria individually, but the supports must also meet the criteria when considered as a package. For example, once a decision about SDA has been made further consideration about supports for inclusion in a participant's plan may be required including to help a participant build their skills and increase their independence.