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ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome: National Disability Insurance Agency

Question No: NDIA SQ17-000110

Topic: SDA funding

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Senator Siewert asked:

Senator SIEWERT: Going to in-kind issues, you would be aware that my office has been doing quite a lot of work on this issue, but I have a couple of very specific questions. Do you have the number of in-kind properties registered to date?

Mr Bowen: I will take that, generally, on notice but I know we have it for those jurisdictions for at least their year 1 entry areas.

Senator SIEWERT: So you have that?

Mr Bowen: We have that for year 1. I do not know whether we have it beyond that or for other jurisdictions.

Senator SIEWERT: Is it possible to get that in the relatively near future? As you know, this issue is a hot topic of discussion at the moment. So is it possible to get that relatively quickly?

Mr Bowen: Yes.

Senator SIEWERT: That would be great. Thank you.

Ms Rundle: I have just been told by our advisers that \$100,000 has been paid to date for SDA.

Senator SIEWERT: Thank you for that. That is appreciated—letting me know that. If you could take on notice the issues that we have just been discussing about how many have actually put in their bills and gone through the process. That would help our understanding of where things are up to.

Answer:

In-kind Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) dwellings are not required to be enrolled with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). Each jurisdiction is responsible for maintaining their own records of in-kind SDA dwellings until they are enrolled with the NDIA when they transition out of in-kind. This may occur prior to or at the time in-kind arrangements cease to be in effect. However for the purpose of reconciling in-kind all jurisdictions were requested to provide the NDIA with data by June 2016 about their disability supported accommodation that they either owned and/or funded supports in. We have received a list of properties from some jurisdictions but not all. To date we have a record of 1,755 dwellings across New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Australian Capital Territory and Tasmania. We have not received data from South Australia, Northern Territory or Western Australia.

Please also refer to SQ17-000156.