

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO**  
**2017-2018 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome:** National Disability Insurance Agency

**Question No:** NDIA SQ17-000127

**Topic:** SDA In-kind

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert, asked:**

Will the NDIA write separately to the participant informing them that they have the option of changing accommodation if they wish

**Answer:**

The National Disability Insurance Agency currently undertakes two processes in the pre-planning stage to examine the accommodation needs of a participant. The first is the Short Form Outcome Questionnaire which asks the participant to think about where they currently live in relation to their disability support needs. Questions include:

- Are you happy with the home you live in?
- Will you want to live here in five years' time?
- What stops you from living in a home that you would choose?
- How safe or unsafe do you feel in your home?

These questions help inform the participant's goals.

Secondly, as specified by the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013*, a participant's plan must also include the participant's statement of goals and aspirations, prepared by the participant that specifies the goals, objectives and aspirations of the participant (section 33(1)(a)); and the environmental and personal context of the participant's living, including the participant's living arrangements (section 33(1)(b)(i)).

It will therefore not be necessary to write separately to the participant on this matter.