

**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 SQ17-000157

**Topic:** SDA YPIRAC

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Siewert, asked:**

When a participant gets an Exploring Housing Options Package (EHOP), can you explain how quickly they can work out their housing needs and then get an SDA payment?

**Answer:**

Exploring Housing Options Package (EHOP) is part of the assessment process for Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) eligibility, however EHOP does not need to be funded where there is sufficient evidence to demonstrate that suitable supports and pathways would not be effective as an alternative to SDA.

The length of time to locate suitable SDA for a participant who has SDA in their NDIS plan, will depend on the particular needs of the participant and the availability of suitable SDA in that region.