

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Estimates Question taken on Notice at the Hearing

Asked on Tuesday, 15 December 2020

Mr LANGBROEK: ASKED MINISTER FOR SENIORS AND DISABILITY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS (HON C CRAWFORD)—

The reference is SDS, page 119, dot point 3 about accommodation support, minister. It is a quote, a highlighted portion that you will be able to see, and this particular constituent says— There are organisations that help with the temporary and affordable accommodation whilst waiting for housing placement; So she is waiting for housing placement— these places do not understand or accept people with a disability and/or special needs. My question is: isn't discrimination and will the department investigate this?

ANSWER:

The Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DSDSATSIP) has been working with the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (DCHDE) regarding the availability of housing for the person involved. I understand that DCHDE has been in recent contact with the person's representative about potential suitable accommodation.

DSDSATSIP has also recently been in contact with the person's representative about the person with disability potentially receiving support to seek NDIS access.

DSDSATSIP will continue working on this matter to assist the person with a disability to access the appropriate support and to determine whether further steps can be taken.

DSDSATSIP will also lead the development of the next state disability plan that is currently being developed in step with the new National Disability Strategy. These are key mechanisms designed to improve access and inclusion for people with disability.