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Minister for Disability

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**RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Questions on Notice Paper No 1**

**4 December 2020**

**Question No. 79**

**MRS KIKKERT:** To ask the Minister for Disability:

- (1) Who are all the specialist disability service providers in the ACT and what is the nature of the service that they provide?
- (2) Has the Minister (including past relevant ministers) approved any standards about the provision of any specialist disability services by the providers listed in part (1); if so, what standards and for what services?
- (3) Has the Minister (including past relevant ministers) approved any grants of financial assistance to service providers; if so, (a) which providers were granted assistance, (b) when was assistance granted, (c) how much assistance was granted and (d) for what purposes?

**EMMA DAVIDSON MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) The National Disability Insurance Agency reported 1,053 National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) registered service providers in the ACT in their ACT September 2020 dashboard. Providers range from sole traders to larger for-profit companies, and provide a range of services from domestic services, personal support services, supported accommodation service through to specialist therapy services. A full list of registered providers and the service they provide is available on the NDIS website: [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)
- (2) The *Disability Services Act 1991 (the Act)*, and associated regulations and instruments, is the legislation that guides the oversight of Specialist Disability

Service Providers (SDSP) operating in the ACT. The Act requires that all SDSPs comply with relevant standards as well as with other quality and safeguarding provisions.

Standards approved by the *Disability Services (Standards) Declaration 2014 (No 1)*, made under section 5A of the Act include:

- Home Care Standards
- National Standards for Disability Services
- National Standards for Mental Health Services
- Disability Standards for Education
- Disability Advocacy Standards

Regulation of NDIS registered disability providers is the responsibility of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission and managed through practice standards made under the *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013*.

- (3) The ACT Government has provided assistance to disability service providers during the transition to the NDIS (2013-2020) through several programs and grants. This funding has supported providers to supply services under the NDIS and to transition their business models to adapt to new funding models introduced by the NDIS. Support has also been provided to those services delivering Information Linkages and Capacity Building programs.

Detailed information on this funding is available in the Community Services Directorate Annual reports and can be found at

<https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/publications/annual-reports>

**Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.**



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