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NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME — PROVIDERS

661. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Disability Services:

I refer to the minister's media release of 11 October entitled "Restructure is a step towards NDIS". Can the minister confirm that there is no requirement in the National Disability Insurance Scheme for the Disability Services Commission to withdraw from the provision of accommodation places for people with a disability?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for the question because it gives me the opportunity to indicate again that the basic requirement of NDIS is that people have choice and control. The issue around choice is that people have the choice to move between different providers. If they do not like one provider, they go to another provider and if they do not like that provider, they go to another provider. It is putting the choice of provision of services in the hands of individuals; therefore, they are not constrained in having a single provider.