

19-426 MoU for children with disability living in accommodation outside the family home

Summary of Impacts	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 28 June 2019 the Disability Reform Council (DRC) agreed to interim arrangements to be reviewed after two years regarding the funding for children that can no longer live in the family home, previously known as VOOHC and that, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) will 'deliver an improved funding model in which the NDIS will fund supports including 24/7 care, staffing (including overnight staffing), disability supports (including home modifications where necessary), and specialist support coordination'. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) operationalises the agreement made by the Disability Reform Council for the resolution of roles and responsibilities between the NDIS and the ACT Government for children with disability, who are NDIS participants, living in accommodation outside the family home. It is proposed that the Integrated Service Response Program (ISRP) meet the commitments of the MoU by delivering the case coordination function outlined including the oversight function and working with the NDIA to monitor families at risk of requiring accommodation outside the family home. Signing the MoU will reduce costs to this cohort to approximately \$48,000 per child year. This represents an 88 per cent decrease in costs to the ACT Government.

Key to impacts: Red – negative, Blue – neutral, Green – positive

Social

Justice and rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NDIS recognises the rights of People with Disability under the United Nations Convention on the rights of people with disability to have equal access to health, education, employment and social inclusion.
Disability and access to services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signing of the MoU with the Commonwealth Government will improve access to services for Children with a disability in the ACT and ensure their increased social and economic participation.

Economic

ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signing of the MoU represents a saving to Government for the provision of disability support services.
Productivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NDIS is a market-based approach in delivering disability supports. The NDIS will positively impact on Economic Growth as its primary aim to increase economic participation of people with disability. Increased access to services has increased the number of disability providers in the ACT since July 2013. As the market develops and matures, the growth in jobs in the sector will continue to grow.
Competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NDIS is a market-based fee for service model for the delivering disability supports, which provides NDIS participant choice and control.

Environmental

Nil impact.