

COMMUNITIES, DISABILITY SERVICES AND DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Public Briefing - Inquiry into the Disability Services and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015

Response to Question on Notice

Please find below the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services' response to the following question raised at the public briefing on 18 January 2016.

Can we break down the staff numbers? Can you provide the committee with what those numbers in the department are across the various sectors and then what the anticipated staff numbers are going to be from 1 July 2019—given it is close to a four-year estimate, I accept that—to give some comparison as to the departmental officers' thoughts as to where we are going along the way from figure A to figure B and a breakdown thereof?

The 2015-16 published Service Delivery Statements (SDS) for the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS), records a budgeted FTE of 3170 staff in Disability Services. Due to usual vacancies and turnover there is an actual Full Time Equivalent of 3070.4, comprising 1808.35 frontline staff, 953.63 non-frontline staff and 308.42 corporate staff as at 30 June 2015.

The second part of the question is more difficult to answer due to the dependencies and complexities in regard to the implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in Queensland.

The Bilateral Agreement, which details the scheduling of participants and services to transition to the NDIS, is yet to be agreed and signed off between the Queensland and Australian Governments. Until the Bilateral Agreement and consequent transitional and operational plans are finalised, Queensland will not have a clear picture as to when and in which region participants and services will transition to NDIS and the timing of any subsequent staffing impacts.

The Queensland Government is undertaking significant consultation on the impact of the NDIS on the Government and non-Government workforce.