

Question on Notice

No. 1073

Asked on Tuesday, 28 September 2004

MR SHINE asked the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (**MR PITT**) -

QUESTION:

Will Toowoomba get a regional Disability Services Queensland Office?

ANSWER:

I acknowledge the interest of the Member for Toowoomba North in this matter. We have discussed this issue on several occasions and he has advocated strongly for the establishment of a regional office of Disability Services Queensland in Toowoomba.

I am pleased to advise that this will now happen. I have recently approved a new regional structure for Disability Services Queensland to align it with the current structure used in my other portfolio responsibility, the Department of Communities.

Under these amended arrangements, four new regions will be established within Disability Services Queensland. This will include a Darling Downs/South West Queensland region which will be managed from a regional office located in Toowoomba, rather than from Ipswich as is now the case.