

Question on Notice

No. 593

Asked on Thursday, 20 May 2004

MR KNUTH asked the Minister for Communities and Disability Services and Minister for Seniors (Mr Pitt)-

QUESTION:

For each year since 2001 and for the year to date, what is the number of disabled clients that have been placed in (a) unregistered boarding houses, (b) aged care facilities and (c) other unregistered facilities?

ANSWER:

Disability Services Queensland does not place people in private hostels and boarding houses.

Prior to October 2003, Disability Services Queensland did refer individuals and families to the option of private hostel or boarding house accommodation. These individuals and families then made their own decision as to whether to take up this option.

- In 2001, one person was referred to a boarding house, and 17 people were referred to private hostels;
- In 2002, two people were referred to boarding houses, and seven people were referred to private hostels;
- In 2003, four people were referred to boarding houses, seven people to aged care facilities and eight people to private hostels; and
- In 2004 (to June), two people were referred to aged care facilities and five people to private hostels.

The numbers above represent long-term stays only.

Some caution is necessary when interpreting referral numbers. Disability Services Queensland regional staff report that residents regularly move between premises and that numerous short-term stays occur in this sector.