

## Question on Notice

No. 811

Asked on Tuesday, 17 August 2004

Mr Knuth asked the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (Mr Pitt)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to the electorate of Charters Towers-

- (1) What additional funding has been allocated to disability services in the 2004-05 Budget?
- (2) What level of identified need exists in the Charters Towers Electorate?
- (3) Will he provide details of the services provided to meet this demand, including any respite services available in the Charters Towers Electorate?

### ANSWER:

- (1) I am pleased to reiterate that a significant level of new funding was allocated for disability services in the 2004-2005 Budget. Disability Services Queensland's Budget for 2004-2005 increases by \$69.9M. This includes \$10.6M to increase support for families and children; \$10.5M to increase community and infrastructure support; and \$18.9M to increase support for adults. In total, an additional \$285.6M is guaranteed over the next four years.
- (2) Sixty-eight people with a disability in the Charters Towers electorate were included on the Disability Services Queensland Registration of Needs database as at 23 August 2004.
- (3) There are four Disability Services Queensland funded service providers in Charters Towers to meet the demand for disability services. These service providers receive total funding of \$1 262 681 and collectively support 41 clients.