

Question on Notice
No. 963
Asked on Tuesday, 31 August 2004

Ms Male MP, asked the Minister for Communities and Disability Services and Seniors (**Mr Pitt**) -

QUESTION:

- (1) How will the realignment of the regions in his new department be implemented across Queensland; and
- (2) What is the process for appointment for the heads of each region?

ANSWER:

The newly established Department of Communities is committed to meeting the needs of all Queenslanders. I have approved a regional structure for the Department which provides integrated services across 10 regions. Regional services will include:

- youth justice programs;
- social planning;
- community engagement;
- coordination of whole of government priority projects;
- development of the capacity of the non government sector; and
- ensure that Government funded and licensed organisations provide quality services.

My Department's new regional structure is being implemented in stages. For example the Ministerial Regional Community Forum program is already operating across the State in the 10 regions.

The Director-General announced the organisational structure of the Department on 23 July 2004. The launch of the structure followed extensive consultation with our staff. Since July officers of the Department of Communities have further developed and refined the details of the structure so that it could be operationalised on 20 September.

At this time there are Acting Regional Directors in each region. They were appointed following an internal Expression of Interest process. These positions have been advertised and will be filled permanently before the end of the year.