

Question on Notice

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Asked on Wednesday, 1 March 2006

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

As the demand for Adult Lifestyle Support Program remains high despite record funding, is there an explanation for this?

ANSWER:

Queensland's population is consistently growing. With this growth comes the expectation that services, across all sectors will be able to meet that growth.

A further impact is our ageing population. This increases requests for further assistance as well as for new people seeking assistance due to age related disabilities.

Disability Services Queensland's current recorded applications include people who already have some funding from that program, people who wish to be funded by another program, duplications when people have moved across regions and applications of people who have relocated interstate.

To enable the Government to forward plan it is essential that we accurately know the level of need for disability services. For this reason Disability Services Queensland has commenced contact with all registered applicants to ensure the accuracy of applications.