

Question on Notice

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MR SHINE asked the Minister for Disability Services and Multicultural Affairs (MS PALASZCZUK)—

QUESTION

What respite and other support options are available for carers of persons with a disability in Toowoomba?

ANSWER

Funding is provided to a number of organisations in the Toowoomba area to provide respite services to support carers and families of people with a disability. These organisations include:

- Breakaway—providing respite services including centre-based activities, family in-home respite, school holiday and older parent carer's respite services. It operates two respite houses—one in Toowoomba and another in Highfields, just north of Toowoomba.
- Warrina Services—provides respite services to families and activities include in-home and community access activities for families accessing respite.
- Spiritus Community Care—providing centre-based and in-home respite services for families. Centre-based respite is provided from two locations in Toowoomba.
- Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland—providing flexible respite responses to many families through their Children's In-home program. Respite to adults is provided individually and through the adult day service providing families with respite from their caring role.
- Quality Lifestyle Support, based in Toowoomba, also receives funding to provide respite services. This respite service provides adult centre-based respite places. Also, children's holiday respite services are available.

A range of flexible and responsive supports are available to families as well in order to strengthen their capacity to care for their family member with a disability within the family home.