

Question on Notice

No. 571

Asked on 24 March, 2010

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

QUESTION

What is the total amount of program funding through Disability Services that is targeted at people aged between 18 and 50 (including a breakdown of (a) type of funding, (b) type of disability, (c) level of care required and (d) by home care or residential care)?

ANSWER:

The Bligh Government is committed to improving the lives of all Queenslanders with a disability.

Disability and Community Care Services does not deliver specific age-related programs for people aged between 18 and 50 years, however individuals within this age bracket constitute approximately 80% of individuals receiving support through Block funded services.

Support is delivered through Block funding and Individualised funding to non government service agencies to provide accommodation support, advocacy and information, community access, community support, respite and community mental health services.

As well, Individualised funding supports adults in this age range with in-home, residential care accommodation support, community access, family support and respite services.

Examples of the primary disability type for individuals receiving Individualised funding include Intellectual and/or Physical Disability, Autism – including Asperger's syndrome; Acquired brain injury, Psychiatric disability and Neurological disability – Epilepsy/Alzheimer's.

The Bligh Government has delivered a record Budget in 2009–10 including:

- More than \$926 million for specialist disability services
- Almost \$450 million for home and community care services which includes support for people disabilities
- More than \$50 million for mental health community support services which includes supports for people with disabilities.