

Question on Notice

No. 1075

Asked on 17 June 2011

MR HORAN asked the Minister for Disability Services, Mental Health and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (MR PITT)—

QUESTION

With reference to HACC lawn mowing services—

- (1) Why is HACC cutting back on lawn mowing services in Toowoomba for elderly people living in their own homes to six times per year?
- (2) Is the Minister aware of the problems and mess caused in wet summer months for the elderly by this cutback and does the government have any plans to rectify this problem?

ANSWER

(1) & (2)

The 2011–12 State Budget has set aside \$523.7 million for home and community care services for Queenslanders in need.

Home and community care provides funding for services which support people who are frail aged, younger people with disability and their carers, who live at home and whose capacity for independent living is at risk or who are at risk of premature or inappropriate admission to long term residential care.

Service providers in the Toowoomba region have reported they were not able to undertake lawn mowing services for a period of around five weeks due to the January 2011 floods. There are no cutbacks in the provision of funding through the Home and Community Care program to service providers in Toowoomba for the delivery of maintenance services including lawn mowing, or to the reported delivery of lawn mowing services by providers, outside the major flooding event.