

Question on Notice

No. 627

Asked on 10 May 2011

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

QUESTION

With reference to my Question on Notice No. 2368 of 2010 to the previous Minister for Disability Services and Multicultural Affairs and as the answer given did not address all of the original question—

Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the initiatives and online services listed on the department's website that (a) have been translated into Auslan for the deaf and hard of hearing community and the cost of translating those web pages and (b) the projected program for translation of web pages in Auslan including the cost and name of the initiatives and/or online services for translation?

ANSWER

(a) The consultation paper and response booklet for the Draft 10-year plan for supporting Queenslanders with a disability were translated into Auslan and streamed on the Department of Communities' website at a cost of \$5,500.

(b) There is no set schedule for translating other content on the department's website into Auslan.

Information from the department's website is accessible to many members of the deaf and hard of hearing community in its original format. However, just as information can be translated into foreign languages on request, Braille and Auslan translations can always be made available from the department.

Supplying these alternative formats on request ensures that the department supports Queenslanders with a disability through the most cost effective way.

The Member may recall the Honourable Anna Bligh MP, Premier and Minister for Reconstruction was accompanied by an Auslan interpreter throughout the live television broadcasts during our summer of floods and Cyclone Yasi. As was widely reported at the time, this approach was well received and greatly appreciated by community members everywhere.

It is also departmental policy to provide Auslan interpreters at all major Disability and Community Care Services events.