

Question on Notice

No. 780

Asked on Wednesday, 30 October 2013

MS TRAD asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

QUESTION

With reference to the Newman Government's decision to cut \$319.3m in grants and subsidies by the department to community organisations from 2012–13 to 2015–16—

What analysis was undertaken by the department, or requested by the Minister's office, to determine the impact of these cuts on employment in the non-government community sector, and will the Minister release the analysis?

ANSWER

The Newman Government has a plan to get Queensland back on track. This is in stark contrast to the former government. A clear example of our efforts to support Queenslanders is best exemplified by our record investment in disability services in this State. Under the Labor Party, disability services were grossly underfunded. In stark contrast to this we will be spending approximately \$2 billion per year on disability services upon the full implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

To the specifics of the Member's question, my office is working closely with the department to ensure that this massive investment of the new funds gets to where it is needed the most.

While the Newman Government is working hard to deliver this important funding boost, it is disappointing that the Opposition still seeks to punish some of Queensland's most vulnerable people, particularly those with a disability, typified by the Labor Party's decision to vote against legislation which would ensure the sustainable funding for the NDIS in this State.