

Question on Notice

No. 9

Asked on 13 February 2013

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

QUESTION

- Will the Minister outline (a) the benefits of Your Life Your Choice and how it will assist people with a disability within my electorate of Ferny Grove, and (b) how will this become crucial in ensuring Queensland is ready for the NDIS rollout in 2018-19?

ANSWER

Your Life Your Choice self-directed support is an important step to ensuring people in Queensland have more choice and control of their disability supports and services and where they purchase these from. Your Life Your Choice is also an important step forward to meeting the Government's commitment to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Your Life Your choice is being rolled out in Queensland in two phases – the host provider model and the direct payment model. Your Life Your Choice is not a new source of funding, but a different way for people to receive their individualised Disability Services funding.

Host providers are now available and are listed on the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services website. I am pleased to advise that there are 18 host providers available for people living in the Ferny Grove area.

I have sent letters to 1309 people who are already receiving recurrent funding from the department, inviting them to consider self-directing their support through a host provider. Across the State there are over 180 people who have expressed an interest. I would encourage constituents interested in transitioning their existing individual funding to a host provider to contact their local regional disability service centre.

As part of Your Life Your Choice self-directed support, the Disability Services (Your Life Your Choice) Amendment Bill 2012 was passed in Parliament in November 2012. Once proclaimed, this legislation will enable the department to provide funding directly to people with a disability. This is an exciting step in self-direction for people with a disability in Queensland.

To assist people with a disability, their families and disability service providers to move towards self-directed support and the National Disability Insurance Scheme, my department will provide a range of training opportunities and resources. The Sector Readiness and Workforce Capacity Initiative will help build people's skills and confidence and is set to commence in the coming months.

Your Life Your Choice is assisting people with a disability and their families and the non-government sector to get ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme. It is building the skills of the sector and supporting them to move towards self-directed support and a market driven environment.