

Question on Notice

No. 1172

Asked on 6 September 2018

MR D PURDIE asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise what measures are in place to ensure patients who require essential medical aids through the Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme receive their aids in a timely manner during the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme?

ANSWER

The Commonwealth is experiencing delays transitioning people to the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and these delays are well documented.

The Palaszczuk Government is continuing to work at a system level to urge the Commonwealth and the National Disability Insurance Agency to increase the rate of transition.

The Medical Aids Subsidy Scheme (MASS) has a strong track record of delivering quality medical aids to clients in an efficient and timely manner.

MASS is working with clients, their families or carers, and clinicians to ensure all clients are well informed about the transition and are supported to engage with the National Disability Insurance Scheme where appropriate.