

Question on Notice

No. 1439

Asked on Thursday 18 October 2018

MR A PERRETT ASKED MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES AND SENIORS (HON C O'ROURKE) —

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide a detailed breakdown of the programs, services and other expenses that were cut in community and seniors services, which led to the 2018 total expenses being lower than in 2017?

ANSWER

The financial reporting of the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors is captured in financial years not calendar years.

No ongoing programs, services and other expenses were cut in community and seniors services in 2018-19. The total expenses for Queensland Government for these services in 2018-19 were not lower than in 2017-18.

Any apparent decrease is the result of the recent machinery of government changes.

Services and programs that were previously part of the former agency (the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services) that were transferred to the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women included:

- Domestic and Family Violence
- Homelessness
- Individuals
- Young People.

Also transferred were employee expenses associated with delivering these services, as well as on-costs such as supplies and services and depreciation.