

Question on Notice

No. 1709

Asked on Wednesday 14 November 2018

MR S KNUTH ASKED MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS, MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, ACTING MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND ACTING MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES AND SENIORS (HON S FENTIMAN) —

QUESTION

Will the Minister confirm that current annual State Government funding of \$550,000 to Meals on Wheels providers will continue in 2019 for this valuable community service at its current level and will not be reduced?

ANSWER

Meals on Wheels is an extremely valuable community service, it offers much more than just a meal. The daily visits provide an opportunity to monitor the health and wellbeing of clients who may not see anyone else during the day.

The vast majority of people involved in the preparation and delivery of the meals throughout Queensland are volunteers, adding an even greater dimension to community strength and resilience.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of these volunteers.

There will be no reduction in Meals on Wheels funding provided by the Queensland Government.

In fact, total funding for 2018-19 for Meals on Wheels providers has increased to approximately \$593,000. In addition, the State Government funds the peak body Queensland Meals on Wheels Association (QMOW) to provide coordination and support.