

Question on Notice

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Asked on Thursday 4 April 2019

DR C ROWAN ASKED MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES AND SENIORS (HON C O'ROURKE)

QUESTION

With reference to the autism prevalence rate going up by an estimated 40 percent, to one in 70 people— Will the Minister advise if the government will allocate ongoing funding of \$40,000 per annum to allow Autism Behaviour Intervention Queensland to remain open so it can continue to support families of children with autism?

ANSWER

The Queensland Government has, for a long period of time, provided substantial funding to support children and adults with autism in Queensland.

The NDIS will be fully rolled out in Queensland from 1 July 2019. Funding previously allocated to service providers by the Queensland Government for the delivery of disability services has transferred to the Commonwealth Government to support Queenslanders with disability under the NDIS.

While the Queensland Government's responsibility for the provision of disability services funding for non-government organisations will completely transition to the NDIS from 1 July 2019, the Government is currently considering its future role in supporting people with disability in an NDIS environment.