

QUESTION ON NOTICE
Asked on Tuesday, 20 April 2021
Answer Due: Thursday, 20 May 2021

412 **MR S KNUTH** ASKED MINISTER FOR SENIORS AND DISABILITY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS (HON C CRAWFORD)

Question

With reference to the Queensland Government currently providing \$4.9m to non-government sector disability advocacy services—

Will the Minister (a) confirm funding will continue for this valuable service beyond 30 June 2021 (b) advise the funding commitment amount, (c) advise whether there are any changes proposed to the funding model for non-government disability advocacy services and (d) if funding will not continue advise the reasons why?

Answer:

I thank the Honourable member for the question.

On 23 March 2021, I announced that the Queensland Government is supportive of extending the base funding for disability advocacy services by a further two years.

Further details will be included in the Queensland Government budget in June 2021.

The Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships is currently reviewing the advocacy program to ensure it provides equitable access for people with disability, regardless of where they live in Queensland and particularly for those most vulnerable. As such, any changes will be based upon evidence of the needs of people with disability.