

Question on Notice

No. 1087

Asked on 14 October 2022

MR M BERKMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Taxi Subsidy Scheme (TSS)—

Will the Minister (a) provide details of any proposed or pending changes to the TSS and its eligibility criteria, (b) advise if eligible National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants will be able to continue to access the TSS beyond 31 October 2022 and (c) commit to ensure NDIS participants have continued access to the TSS beyond 31 October 2022?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maiwar for the question.

Transport subsidies for National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants were intended to transition to an NDIS funding arrangement. However, because of concerns about the adequacy of transport support for people with disabilities under the NDIS, the Palaszczuk Government moved to make sure NDIS participants could continue to have access to the TSS, while adequate transport support under the NDIS is being finalised.

Since 1 January 2020, interim arrangements have been in place with the Commonwealth Government, under which the Commonwealth Government is fully reimbursing the Queensland Government for continuing the TSS for NDIS participants.

The interim arrangements were due to end on 31 October 2022. However, because the Commonwealth Government's development of a long-term transport policy has been delayed, the Commonwealth and Queensland governments have agreed to extend the existing arrangements to 31 October 2023.