

Question on Notice

No. 1234

Asked on 12 October 2023

MR J LANGBROEK asked the Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Seniors and Disability Services (HON C CRAWFORD)—

QUESTION

With reference to State funded and/or supported disability providers—

Will the Minister provide (reported separately by region) (a) a list of service providers in rural and remote Queensland and (b) a list of disability accommodation and respite care services in rural and remote Queensland?

ANSWER

In response to part (a) of the question, the Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services (DCSSDS) funds organisations to deliver statewide peak services through the Queensland Disability Peak and Representative Body Program to people with disability, their families and carers. It also funds the Queensland Disability Advocacy Program which provides specialist individual advocacy for people with disability across the state, including those living in rural and remote areas. Queensland Government departments such as Queensland Health, the Department of Education and the Department of Treaty, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Communities and the Arts also fund service providers to provide disability support in rural and remote areas.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funds specialist disability supports in participants' plans. Participants have the flexibility to access and use alternate providers they require for these supports.

The NDIS is responsible for ensuring participants have access to quality supports regardless of where they live and what their needs are. A list of Queensland providers is available at <https://www.ndis.gov.au/participants/working-providers/find-registered-provider/provider-provider-finder>.

In response to part (b) of the question, the Queensland Government provides some specialist disability supports through DCSSDS Accommodation Support and Respite Services (AS&RS).

AS&RS is currently funded by the state government and the cost of operating the service is an in-kind offset to the Queensland Government financial contribution to the NDIS.

AS&RS has seen a decline in clients accessing government centre-based respite services, as some families have taken advantage of the range of options available using the funding contained in participants' NDIS plans.

Queensland is committed to working with the Commonwealth Government and NDIS governing partners to address NDIS market issues and supports the creation of a high performing market.