

Question on Notice

No. 1355

Asked on 26 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 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many children in residential care are registered with the NDIS and (b) how many children in foster or kinship care are registered with the NDIS?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to delivering better services for young people with disability.

An estimated 16 to 20 per cent of children and young people subject to ongoing child protection intervention have a broad range of disability needs that are likely to make them eligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

The Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services, through extensive casework and specialist roles, ensures all eligible children and young people have robust NDIS plans to effectively meet their disability support needs.

NDIS plan funding is critical in providing a range of capacity building supports for children and young people, including in home, mobility, capacity building therapy and respite for foster and kinship carers.

As at 30 September 2023, there were 230 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in residential care registered with the NDIS, and 916 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in foster or kinship care registered with the NDIS.