

Question on Notice

No. 1584

Asked on 29 November 2023

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

QUESTION

With reference to the Minister ordering a review into the State's controversial residential care system on 10 July 2023—

Will the Minister provide an update on the review and advise when the findings of the review will be published?

ANSWER

The review of the residential care system in Queensland (the Review) is being conducted by the Director-General and key Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services (DCSSDS) officers, with independent oversight from the Principal Commissioner of the Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC). As part of the Review, over 800 stakeholders were engaged through statewide consultation and 52 written submissions were received by DCSSDS.

In September 2023, a Roundtable was hosted with over 70 attendees, including the QFCC, PeakCare Queensland Inc., the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak, other peak bodies, DCSSDS staff, non-government organisations, sector experts, frontline workers, and most importantly, children and young people with lived experience.

Through the statewide consultation process and Ministerial Roundtable, participants shared their insights and reflections to improve outcomes for individuals, communities and across the residential care system.

In December 2023, the Director-General, DCSSDS, provided a Roadmap for Residential Care in Queensland. Findings and proposed actions will be considered by the Queensland Government.