

Question on Notice

No. 201

Asked on 7 March 2024

MR J LANGBROEK asked the Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON C MULLEN)—

QUESTION

With reference to the Queensland Disability Action Plan 2022-2027—

Will the Minister advise what actions have been delivered to date?

ANSWER

Queensland's Disability Plan 2022–2027: Together, a better Queensland (QDP), is Queensland's primary mechanism for implementing *Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031 (ADS)*.

Key achievements delivered under the QDP include:

- All Queensland Government departments have disability service plans published, as a key means of driving action under the QDP.
- Select departments are also progressing actions committed in Targeted Action Plans across the seven outcome areas of the ADS.
- The Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services administered and monitored the Queensland Government's significant (\$2.428 billion) investment in the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) during 2023, which was observed to drive ongoing benefits for people with disability, the sector and state economy.
- As at 31 December 2023, there were:
 - 138,705 Queensland NDIS participants with \$10.947 billion in annualised supports in their plans - this is an increase of almost 18,000 new participants during 2023.
 - Almost 240,000 paid workers and volunteers who had a clearance to work with people with disability – with 85,507 clearances to work issued during 2023.
- Over 1,000 at-risk or disadvantaged Queenslanders with disability have been assisted to access the NDIS during 2023.
- The Queensland Disability Peak and Representative Bodies program was expanded during the year – it now includes 12 disability and cohort-specific peak bodies, two that support service providers and with arrangements being finalised for two First Nations-specific peak bodies.
- Increased funding for the Queensland Disability Advocacy Program (QDAP) of \$1.617 million over 2023-24 and 2024-25. During 2023 QDAP delivered 25,649 hours of advocacy to people with disability, their families and carers between January and December 2023.
- Funding of the inaugural Voice of Queenslanders with Disability statewide survey, with the report and findings presented to the sector at a state forum highlighting progress under ADS.
- Led the evidence-based participation of the Queensland Government in key reforms, including the Disability Royal Commission and NDIS Review.