

## Question on Notice

No. 433

Asked on 18 April 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 Guide, Hearing and Assistance Dogs—

Will the Minister advise the number of (a) certified guide dogs in Queensland, (b) certified hearing dogs in Queensland and (c) certified assistance dogs in Queensland?

### ANSWER

The Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services (DCSSDS) does not hold records about all Queensland dogs certified under the *Guide Hearing and Assistance Dogs Act 2009* (the Act). This is because under the Act the primary regulatory role of DCSSDS is the approval of trainers.

Under the Act, approved trainers of guide, hearing or assistance dogs are responsible for maintaining their certification of guide, hearing and assistance dogs, noting there is no statutory requirement for trainers to share certification information with DCSSDS.