

## **Budget Estimates 2017-2018**

### **SUPPLEMENTARY HEARING - DISABILITY SERVICES**

#### **Questions on Notice**

##### **Questions from the HON. Daniel Mookhey**

##### **Question 1 (Transcript p. 8)**

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** Has the local member made any representations about the plight of IDEAS at Tumut?

**Ms TAYLOR:** I will have to check our records to see if we have a representation.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** Are you aware of any representations that have been made in respect to that organisation?

**Ms TAYLOR:** Not off the top of my head, no. We are aware that the organisation itself has written very recently to the Minister and has met with the Minister and we are reviewing that correspondence and will respond.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** Have you received any representations from any Government members in the lower or the upper Houses in respect to the decision of the New South Wales Government to cancel the \$13 million worth of funding, that you are aware of?

**Mr COUTTS-TROTTER:** We will have to take that on notice and respond to you.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** But are you aware of any?

**Mr COUTTS-TROTTER:** To the best of my knowledge, no. I will take that on notice.

**Ms TAYLOR:** We get representations on a number of matters from local members, the organisations or people to whom they relate. We will have to check that.

##### **Answer:**

The Minister has received representations from Members of Parliament and organisations in relation to funding for disability advocacy.

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##### **Question 2 (Transcript p. 11)**

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** Did the Minister ask you for a brief or any advice on the allegations—in particular whether there were any obligations for him or whether there had been any breaches of the Disability Inclusion Act or matters to do with child protection?

**Mr COUTTS-TROTTER:** I am happy to take on notice what advice we have provided the Minister on this.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** To be fair, I was asking a separate question, which was: Did he ask for any advice?

**Mr COUTTS-TROTTER:** I am happy to take it on notice.

##### **Answer:**

Issues regarding disability services are routinely discussed between the Minister, the Minister's Office and FACS.

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##### **Question 3 (Transcript p. 12)**

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** In our main hearing we had quite a discussion about the development of disability—the disability inclusion plans by each agency that they are required to have under the Act—and we also had quite an extensive discussion about the various mechanisms that are in place to ensure that those plans are created, followed and implemented. By the way, I thank you for coming back with the detail we required on notice about the agencies and their participation. After the allegations on the 7.30 program went to air, did the department go back and check whether or not the Department of Education was meeting its commitments under the plan that it filed?

**Mr COUTTS-TROTTER:** I do not know. I am happy to take that on notice.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** Given that we learnt in the previous rounds that that committee meets monthly, I think, has this matter been put on the agenda of the committee meeting that took place or the one that is about to take place?

**Mr COUTTS-TROTTER:** I am happy to take that on notice, unless Mr O'Reilly—

**Mr O'REILLY:** I would have to take that on notice, as well. The implementation committee meets at the end of November.

**The Hon. DANIEL MOOKHEY:** It meets monthly, does it not? Forgive me, I have been following quite a few portfolios so I might be getting my various committees wrong. Is it a quarterly meeting or is it a monthly meeting?

**Mr O'REILLY:** I do not have that information, but the next meeting is 29 November.

##### **Answer:**

This is a matter for the Minister for Education.

The Disability Inclusion Plan Implementation Committee meets on a biannual basis to govern implementation of the NSW Disability Inclusion Plan.