

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES — CORPORATE FUNCTIONS

**279. Hon SIMON O'BRIEN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:**

- (1) What parts of the Department of Communities report to the Minister for Disability Services?
- (2) If a member has questions to ask about the Department of Communities' corporate functions, which minister should be asked?
- (3) Is it the government's intention that the Disability Services Commission and/or former Department of Community Protection and/or former Department of Housing's corporate functions be subsumed into a consolidated corporate affairs function within the Department of Communities?
- (4) If yes to (3), when will these changes occur and how many jobs will be affected?

**Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:**

On behalf of the Leader of the House, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. This answer has been provided by the Minister for Community Services. The Department of Communities advises the following.

- (1) This matter falls within the portfolio responsibility of the Minister for Disability Services and should be referred to him for a response.
- (2) The Minister for Community Services should be asked.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The Department of Communities will have a consolidated corporate services function in place by 1 July 2018. The corporate services functions will remain the same in the amalgamated department.