

QUESTIONNAIRE OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHT TO HOUSING OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

INPUT FROM MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS, BRUNEI DARUSSALAM FOR QUESTION NO 4: "PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON RELEVANT LEGISLATION, POLICIES OR PROGRAMMES THAT ARE INTENDED TO ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO AND ENJOYMENT OF THE RIGHT TO ADEQUATE HOUSING BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT OF THEIR EFFECTIVENESS AND SHORTCOMINGS".

- In Brunei Darussalam, at the moment there are no PWDs living in institutions.
- Under the National Council on Social Issues, chaired by the Minister of Culture, Youth and Sports Brunei Darussalam, a Special Committee on Elderly Issues and Persons with Disabilities was established with the Department of Community Development acting as secretariat for the Committee. The Committee is currently reviewing a plan of action (POA) on Persons with Disabilities which includes; Policy & Legal Issues, Health Issues, Participation in Community issues, Education issues, Employment Issues, Transportation Issues, Infrastructure (buildings & facilities), Recreation and Social issues, as well as research. The POA will be coordinated with international standards such as the CRPD.
- As a signatory to the United Nation Convention of the Rights of Persons With Disabilities (UNCRPD) in December 2007 and ratified in 2016, Brunei Darussalam is committed to provide the best facilities and services for PWDs in the country. As a result of that, Brunei Darussalam has drafted the Persons with Disabilities Order which is now in the consultation process. Brunei Darussalam hopes, with the existence of this Order, a realization of certain areas of concern for PWDs in the country will be fulfilled such as National registration of PWDs, Protection of persons and Protection of Private Information on Persons with Disabilities. In 14 April 2016, Brunei Darussalam has officially ratified the United Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and is currently integrating the components of the Convention into the Brunei Vision 2035.

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