

Question on Notice
No. 510
Asked on 15 March 2007

MR LANGBROEK asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

QUESTION:

With reference to any reserve, contingency or emergency funding, or funding used for one-off grants, expended by his department/s at the discretion of the minister or chief executive officer—

- (1) Will he provide for 2005-06 and 2006-07 to date, details of all items of expenditure from such fund/s and or one-off grants including (a) reason for expenditure, (b) total amount, (c) the date each item of expenditure was approved and (d) the person/s responsible for approval of expenditure?
- (2) What is the uncommitted balance of these funds at present?
- (3) Why are the reserve or contingency funding or one-off grants used rather than approved grant funds?

ANSWER:

During the Borbidge Government of 1996-97 and 1997-98 the then Minister for Health had a recurrent budget of \$250,000 per annum which was used to provide one off grants to various organisations in Queensland

The current Minister for Health also has a recurrent budget of \$250,000 per annum to provide one off-grants to various organisations in Queensland. Approved grants are program specific whereas the Minister's Grant in Aid Program is used at the discretion of the Minister to meet new and emerging issues of an urgent nature. The Minister has the discretion to approve or turn down requests brought to his notice.

The following table shows a summary of committed and paid grants from the Minister's Grant in Aid Program in the financial years 2005-06 and 2006-07 as at 28 February 2007. Attachments 1 and 2 provide specific grant details.

	2005-06	2006-07 (YTD 28 February 2007)
<i>Commitments</i>		
Budget	\$250,000	\$250,000
Ministerial Approval	\$246,167	\$84,500
Uncommitted	\$3,333	\$165,500

ATTACHMENT 1

MINISTER'S GRANT IN AID REGISTER 2005-2006		
Subject	Amount Requested \$	Approved
Power Drive Wheel Chair. Balance after Medical Aid Subsidy Scheme allowance.	3,155	July 2005
Provision of Nappies for Child until eligible for Medical Aid Subsidy Scheme. 2.5 yr @ \$2,600 p/a	6,500	October 2005
Radio Lollipop – Gold Coast Hospital	10,000	October 2005
Making a Difference Program (MAD), Gympie for Alcohol & Drug support services	8,000	November 2005
Sunrise Way Therapeutic Community - contribution towards fire sensing and management system	5,000	November 2005
Patient Hoist at Thursday Island Community Pool	15,000	April 2006
Kingaroy Hospital Auxiliary Canteen Kitchen Refurbishment	8,000	April 2006
Epilepsy Queensland Inc	10,000	May 2006
Highland Health Scholarships, Central Highlands Health Service District	5,000	May 2006
Acacia Ridge 60's and Better to support a Healthy Lifestyle program	2,800	June 2006
Balmoral Uniting Community Centre, Morningside to support Respite Care and Healthy Lifestyle program	2,000	June 2006
Breastfeeding Group to provide information and training packages	3,000	June 2006
Breathe Easy (Asthma Support Group) to provide Living Skills workshops	2,000	June 2006
Bribie Island Diabetes Support Group to assist with Kids Camp insulin pumps	2,000	June 2006
Bulimba Senior Citizens to purchase a stove	3,000	June 2006
Capalaba Rotary Club to provide Oxygen concentrators	8,000	June 2006
Centenary Weight Loss Challenge to provide for additional places in program	5,000	June 2006
Dysart Community Support Group to assist in purchase of an infant resuscitation mannequin and associated equipment	2,000	June 2006
Goodna National Seniors to participate in a 10 week Steady Steps program	2,000	June 2006
Group 61 to assist microfinance program supporting purchase & repayment of white goods by people affected by mental illness	2,500	June 2006
Heart Support Australia, Brisbane Branch to provide support and rehabilitation for post-cardiac surgery patients	3,000	June 2006
Hervey Bay Renal Support Group to purchase a blanket warmer	5,000	June 2006
Holy Spirit Respite to purchase hoist lifting straps to assist nursing staff	2,100	June 2006
Ipswich Hospital Foundation - Sun Protection Project	1,870	June 2006
Ipswich/Redbank/Goodna Lions Club to participate in a healthy living program	2,000	June 2006
Islamic Women's Association of Queensland Inc to support delivery of health services to the community	1,500	June 2006

Kalwun Health Service to support delivery of health services to the community	5,000	June 2006
Kyabra Community Association to support a community project around Autism Spectrum Disorder and young people	2,000	June 2006
Meals-on-Wheels Palm Beach to purchase Thermal Delivery Bags	1,600	June 2006
Mount Cootha Community Mental Health Support Program to purchase Yoga Mats and Stereo equipment	1,300	June 2006
Multiple Sclerosis Society Qld (Toowoomba Branch) to support the delivery of health services to the MS community of the Darling Downs	3,000	June 2006
On the Edge to assist with a healthy eating program	2,880	June 2006
Paradise Point Vision in Paradise to provide practical support for people with vision impairment	1,500	June 2006
Police Citizens Youth Club, Mt Gravatt to conduct workshops for young people with Mental Health issues	2,500	June 2006
Proserpine Hospital Auxiliary to assist with the construction of a multi-faceted garden courtyard for Hospital patients, visitors and staff	10,000	June 2006
Qld Cancer Fund – Bundaberg to purchase a digital camera for publicising events	500	June 2006
Quigley Street Night Shelter to assist in purchase of industrial washing machine and drier	20,000	June 2006
Salvation Army Bundaberg to provide Drug & Alcohol awareness books & educational materials	500	June 2006
Southport Meals on Wheels to purchase resources and equipment to assist services	2,000	June 2006
St Luke's Nursing Service to purchase an examination Table and medical consumables	4,700	June 2006
Stepping Stone Clubhouse to provide support for Adults with mental illness	2,000	June 2006
Sunnybank/Salisbury Meals on Wheels to assist in the purchase of new kitchen equipment	4,762	June 2006
Sunshine Coast Family Networks Association for a five week course to support specialised medical support needs for children 0-6 years	2,500	June 2006
The Victoria Point Meals on Wheels to support the purchase of a new warming oven	2,500	June 2006
Wide Bay Woman's Health Centre to assist in the purchase of a Laptop and projector for public education	2,000	June 2006
Women's Health Centre, Logan Central, Woodridge to support the delivery of health services to disadvantaged women	2,000	June 2006
Queensland Renal Association Inc., Sunshine Coast to assist with support of patients with kidney Disease	10,000	June 2006
Islamic Women's Association to assist in improvement of CALD women's access to breast and cervical screening	2,500	June 2006
St Brendan's Parish, Moorooka to conduct Healthy Cooking Classes for African migrants	1,000	June 2006
Yeppoon Hospital to assist in the purchase of a i-STAT 1 Downloader	14,500	June 2006
Qld I-Care Association to assist with the provision of swimming and water aerobics classes for Muslim women	10,000	June 2006
Mackay Hospital to assist in the purchase of a i-STAT 1 Downloader	14,500	June 2006
	246,167	

ATTACHMENT 2

MINISTER'S GRANT IN AID REGISTER 2006-2007		
Subject	Amount Requested \$	Approved
Gluconeogenesis to partially fund a study of Healthy Diet – consumption of Seafood	30,000	August 2006
Cleveland Meals on Wheels – Food preparation equipment	2,000	September 2006
Beerburum State School – Construction of an organic vegetable garden for promoting healthy eating and lifestyles	5,000	September 2006
Neonatal intensive Care Unit , Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital – Matching fundraising to maximum of \$10,000	10,000	September 2006
Logan Hospital Chaplaincy Committee to provide training courses to hospital chaplains	5,000	November 2006
Amputees and Families Support Group to assist with development of a website	200	November 2006
Darling Point Special School to purchase an electric mobile change table	2,300	December 2006
Ronald McDonald House – Mater for part sponsorship of a new bedroom	5,000	January 2007
Ronald McDonald House – Herston for sponsorship of “the Shack” breakout room	5,000	January 2007
Rotary Club of Hervey Bay to assist with the Rotary Hospice House project	10,000	January 2007
Nundah House Pathways to Better Mental Health	10,000	February 2007
	84,500	