

Question on Notice
No. 1005
Asked on 16 June 2011

Mr Wellington asked the Minister for Education and Industrial Relations (Mr Dick) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the full-time family therapist provided by the State Government to support the Harris Fields State School at Woodridge –
Will the Minister support the provision of similar additional support services to the Nambour and Burnside State Primary Schools in Nambour?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for his question.

I am advised by the Department of Education and Training that the family therapist position to which the Member refers is part of an Australian Government project under the *Communities for Children* initiative funded through its Family Support Program.

Youth and Family Services (Logan City) Inc. is a non-government organisation which aims to establish key partnerships between schools, communities and local services to deliver integrated services through a family resource and support centre.

Under the *Communities for Children* initiative, the Australian Government provides funding to Youth and Family Services (Logan City) Inc. to partly facilitate a family centre at Harris Fields State School. Additional funding is also provided to this project by Harris Fields State School. The funding allows for the employment of a part-time family therapist for 16 hours a week. The position is not full-time. The primary aim is to use the site as a hub for community use and delivery of a broad range of community programs, including parent activities, counselling and a referral pathway to services available in the community.