



**Health and Community Services  
Committee**

**Estimates 2012**

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# Health and Community Services Committee

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## Signed Minutes



## Health and Community Services Committee

### Estimates

Thursday 20 September 2012 at 11.00am

Committee Room 1, Parliamentary Annexe and by teleconference

**Attendance:** Mr Peter Dowling MP *Chair*  
Mrs Jo-Ann Miller MP *Deputy chair*  
Mr Steve Davies MP  
Mr Aaron Dillaway MP  
Mr John Hathaway MP  
Mrs Desley Scott MP  
Mr Dale Shuttleworth MP

**In attendance:** Ms Sue Cawcutt (Research Director)  
Ms Lee Archinal (Principal Research Officer)

#### 1. Timetable for Estimates

A draft timetable was circulated with the agenda.

**Resolved:** That the draft timetable for the estimates process is endorsed.

Moved: Mr Aaron Dillaway  
Seconded: Mrs Desley Scott

#### 2. Estimates hearing schedule

A draft schedule for the hearing was circulated with the agenda. The committee discussed suitable times for each portfolio and breaks.

**Resolved:** That the draft schedule for hearings on 17 October 2012 is endorsed as amended and authorised for release to relevant Ministers, the Leader of Government Business and the Leader of the Opposition.

Moved: Mr John Hathaway  
Seconded: Mr Steve Davies

#### 3. Attendance of chief executive officers of agencies

The committee considered the attendance at the estimates hearing of the chief executive officers (CEOs) of agencies listed in Schedule 7 of the Standing Orders. Discussion ensued. The committee noted limitations on videoconferencing to examine non-Brisbane based CEOs of the Hospital and Health Services. The committee also noted the importance of those CEOs attending Estimates for the first time.

**Resolved:** That the Chief Executive Officers of all agencies listed in Schedule 7 of the Standing Orders that are part of the portfolio areas for which the committee is responsible be asked to attend the Estimates hearing for the time allocated to that portfolio area in the hearing schedule.

Moved: Mrs Jo-Ann Miller  
Seconded: Mr Steve Davies

**Resolved:** That the Chair write to the Committee of the Legislative Assembly to seek advice on the potential use of videoconferencing facilities at future Estimates hearings.

Moved: Mr John Hathaway  
Seconded: Mr Aaron Dillaway

#### **4. Leave for other Members to ask questions during the Estimates hearing**

Resolved: That the committee grants leave for Members who are not members of the committee to ask questions at the Estimates hearing.

Moved: Mrs Desley Scott  
Seconded: Mrs Jo-Ann Miller

#### **5. Ministerial opening statements**

Resolved: That Ministers may make opening statements of up to five minutes.

Moved: Mrs Jo-Ann Miller  
Seconded: Mr Dale Shuttleworth

#### **6. Media broadcast rules**

The Conditions for Broadcasters of Proceedings and Guidelines for Camera Operators previously adopted by the committee for public hearings were circulated with the agenda.

Resolved: That the Conditions for Broadcasters of Proceedings and Guidelines for Camera Operators previously adopted by the committee are endorsed for the Estimates hearing.

Moved: Mrs Jo-Ann Miller  
Seconded: Mr Dale Shuttleworth

#### **7. Next meeting**

Resolved: That the next Estimates meeting will be held at 8.45am on Wednesday 17 October 2012.

Moved: Mr Steve Davies  
Seconded: Mrs Desley Scott

#### **8. Other arrangements relating to the Estimates process and hearing**

The research director advised the committee that questions may be provided to the Secretariat electronically.

Committee members decided to make their own arrangements for lunch and dinner on the day of the Estimates hearing.

Meeting closed: 11.30am

  
Peter Dowling MP  
Chair

Certified correct on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012

# MINUTES



## Health and Community Services Committee Estimates

Tuesday 8 October 2012 at 4.42pm  
Conference Room 1, Parliamentary Annexe

**Attendance:** Mr Peter Dowling MP *Chair*  
Mrs Jo-Ann Miller MP *Deputy Chair*  
Mr Aaron Dillaway MP  
Mr John Hathaway MP  
Mrs Desley Scott MP  
Mr Dale Shuttleworth MP  
Mr Steve Davies MP

**In attendance:** Ms Sue Cawcutt (Research Director)

**Apologies:** Mr Michael Trout MP

### 1. Previous minutes

The minutes of the Estimates meeting of 20 September 2012 had been circulated.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2012 are confirmed.

Moved: Mr Aaron Dillaway

Seconded: Mr Steve Davies

### 2. Estimates hearing schedule

The committee considered a draft detailed hearing schedule, providing more detail than the schedule agreed at the last meeting.

Resolved: That the detailed schedule for the committee's estimates hearing on 17 October 2012 is adopted.

Moved: Mr Aaron Dillaway

Seconded: Mr John Hathaway

### 3. Proposed request for information

The chair suggested the committee write to the Leader of the Opposition to ask for documents about the Queensland Health payroll system, including legal advice given to cabinet about the IBM contract and related documents, so that the committee has information to examine the expenditure foregone. It was noted this raised procedural and policy issues and the Clerk was asked to attend to advise the committee. The Clerk advised the committee on aspects of the Standing Orders and the Parliament of Queensland Act. Discussion ensued.

Mrs Miller and Mrs Scott left the meeting.

There being no quorum, the meeting closed at 5.07pm.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday 17 October at 8.45am, Room A35, Parliament House.

Peter Dowling MP

Chair

Certified correct on this 29 day of October 2012

# MINUTES



## Health and Community Services Committee Estimates

Wednesday 17 October 2012 at 8.45am  
Room A35, Parliament House

**Attendance:** Mr Peter Dowling MP *Chair*  
Mrs Jo-Ann Miller MP *Deputy Chair*  
Mr Steve Davies MP  
Mr Aaron Dillaway MP  
Mr Dale Shuttleworth MP  
Mr John Hathaway MP (from 8.50am)

**In attendance:** Mr Bill Byrne MP, Member for Rockhampton  
Ms Sue Cawcutt (Research Director)  
Ms Lee Archinal (Principal Research Officer)

**Apologies:** Mrs Desley Scott MP  
Mr Michael Trout MP

**Inability to attend:** Mrs Jo-Ann Miller MP *Deputy Chair*  
Pursuant to Standing Order 202, the committee noted correspondence from the Leader of the Opposition advising of Mrs Miller's inability to attend the morning session of the Estimates hearing and appointing Mr Tim Mulherin MP, Member for Mackay, as her replacement.

### 1. Previous minutes

The minutes of the Estimates meeting of 8 October 2012 had been circulated.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2012 are confirmed.

Moved: Mr Dale Shuttleworth  
Seconded: Mr Aaron Dillaway

### 2. Estimates hearing schedule and materials

The committee noted the hearing schedule and the estimates materials, including answers to the committee's questions on notice, that had been provided. The chair advised the committee that the session on Disability Services would be interpreted by Auslan interpreters.

### 3. Procedural matters

The chair noted a range of procedural matters for the conduct of the estimates hearing. The research director reminded the committee that Standing Order 233 requires that issues that are *sub judice* should not be raised in the Estimates hearing.

At 9.00am the committee adjourned to the Legislative Council Chamber, Parliament House for the Estimates hearing.

**Next Estimates meeting:** Wednesday 24 October 2012 at 10.30am, Committee Room 1, Level 6, Parliamentary Annexe and teleconference

Peter Dowling MP

Chair

Certified correct on this 29 day of October 2012

# MINUTES



**Health and Community Services Committee**  
**Estimates**  
**Monday 29 October 2012 at 9.31am**  
**Conference Room 1, Parliamentary Annexe and teleconference**

**Members present:** Mr Peter Dowling MP *Chair*  
Mrs Jo-Ann Miller MP *Deputy Chair*  
Mr Aaron Dillaway MP

**By teleconference:** Mr Dale Shuttleworth MP  
Mrs Desley Scott MP (from 9.39am)  
Mr Michael Trout MP

**In attendance:** Ms Sue Cawcutt (Research Director)  
Ms Lee Archinal (Principal Research Officer)

**Apologies:** Mr John Hathaway MP  
Mr Steve Davies MP

## 1. Previous minutes

The minutes of the estimates meetings of 17 October 2012 had been circulated. The committee proposed amendments to attendance and apologies and noted that no minutes were required for the adjournment from the hearing at 1.45pm.

*Resolved:* *That the minutes of the estimates meeting held at 8.45am on 17 October 2012 are confirmed as amended.*

Moved: Mr Aaron Dillaway  
Seconded: Mr Dale Shuttleworth

## 2. Draft report

The chair had circulated a draft report on the committee's examination of the Budget Estimates for the 2012-13 financial year for the committee's areas of responsibility. The committee considered the draft report and made amendments to the Chair's foreword, section 1.3, section 4.1.3 (information about the *deadly stories* campaign), Recommendation 4 and section 5.2.2 (adding an issue raised at the hearing).

*Resolved:* *That the report as amended be adopted as the committee's report of 2012-13 Budget Estimates.*

Moved: Mr Michael Trout  
Seconded: Mr Aaron Dillaway

Mrs Jo-Ann Miller and Mrs Desley Scott dissented.

## 3. Statement of reservation

Mrs Miller advised that a statement of reservation would be prepared by the non-government members of the committee to be added to the committee's report. The Chair advised on the Standing Orders and the committee agreed that the deadline for receipt of the dissenting report would be 3pm, 29 October 2012.

#### 4. Additional material to be tabled with the report and minutes

The chair advised that it is a requirement under Standing Order 189 that the minutes of estimates meetings of the committee be tabled and that the committee could also consider tabling additional material. The committee discussed the additional material to be tabled with the estimates report.

Resolved: That the additional material tabled would be:

- answers to pre-hearing questions on notice
- answers to questions taken on notice during the hearing
- documents tabled at the hearing
- correspondence received from Minister Elmes and Minister Dickson.

Moved: Mr Dale Shuttleworth

Seconded: Mrs Jo-Ann Miller

#### 5. Authorisation of minutes

As the committee would not be able to meet to confirm the minutes before tabling the report and volume of additional information later in the day, the chair proposed that the minutes of the meeting could be confirmed by the chair and the deputy chair.

Resolved: That the committee authorises the chair and deputy chair to confirm the minutes of today's meeting.

Moved: Mrs Desley Scott

Seconded: Mr Aaron Dillaway

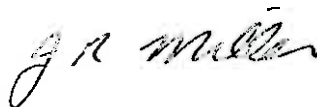
#### 6. Other business

Mrs Miller requested that a future meeting agenda include consideration of Recommendation 4 of the committee's report.

The meeting closed at 10.03am.



Peter Dowling MP  
Chair




Jo-Ann Miller MP  
Deputy Chair

Certified correct on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012

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## Correspondence relating to replacement of committee members

**ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP**

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

MEMBER FOR INALA



16 October 2012

Mr Peter Dowling MP  
Chair  
Health and Community Services Committee  
Parliament House  
Cnr George and Alice Streets Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Dowling

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Peter", written over the typed name "Dear Mr Dowling".

I write regarding the estimates hearing for the Health and Community Services Committee on 17 October 2012.

Pursuant to Standing Order 181 (e) I seek leave from the committee to attend the committee hearing and ask questions of the Minister for Health, the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs, and the Minister for National Parks, Sport and Racing.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this request.

Yours sincerely

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**Annastacia Palaszcuk MP**  
**Leader of the Opposition**

**TIM MULHERIN MP**

DEPUTY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

MEMBER FOR MACKAY



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Chair  
Health and Community Services Committee  
Parliament House  
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Yours sincerely

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Tim Mulherin MP  
Deputy Leader of the Opposition



Mr Peter Dowling MP  
Member for Redlands  
Health and Community Services Committee  
Chair  
Parliament House Brisbane

Dear Mr Dowling

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter", written over the typed name "Dear Mr Dowling".

In accordance with Standing Order 202 I advise of the inability to attend the committee hearing/meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> of October 2012 by the Member for Bundamba. I have, therefore, appointed the Member for Mackay to substitute for the member in accordance with the Standing Order for the stated period.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Annastacia", written over the typed name "Annastacia Palaszczuk MP".

**Annastacia Palaszczuk MP**  
**Leader of the Opposition**

**BILL BYRNE MP**

SHADOW MINISTER FOR POLICE, EMERGENCY AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS AND NATIONAL PARKS  
MEMBER FOR ROCKHAMPTON



16 October 2012

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Chair  
Health and Community Services Committee  
Parliament House  
Cnr George and Alice Streets Brisbane Qld 4000

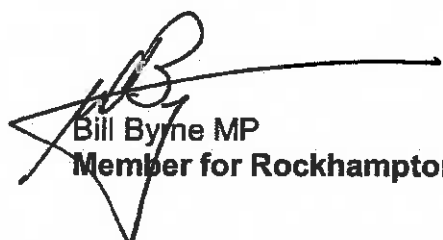
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Yours sincerely



Bill Byrne MP  
Member for Rockhampton

## Answers to Questions on Notice



**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 1**

**asked on Friday, 28 September 2012**

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

The Department lists in its 2012-2016 Strategic Plan as one of its objectives: "National parks are well managed and available to be enjoyed by all Queenslanders". Which specific measures of the 2012-13 Budget will go to ensuring the prudent management of national parks?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

The Government is committed to ensuring that national parks are both well managed and are available to be enjoyed by all Queenslanders. The former Labor government had management plans for just 17% of Queensland's protected areas.

The 2012-13 Budget provides additional funding for fire management in national parks. Fire management is imperative for ensuring that first and foremost that lives and property are protected from the devastating effects of bushfires. By maintaining fire breaks and undertaking planned burns, QPWS also ensures that our pristine national parks do not fall victim to bushfire season.

In 2012-13 QPWS has committed \$13.9 million for capital works to ensure the safety of visitors and staff in our national parks to enhance access opportunities. This includes \$104,000 for a purpose built mountain bike trail at Cape Pallarenda, \$339,000 to replace the boardwalk at Lizard Island and \$250,000 for mountain bike trails in Herberton Range State Forest.

The Government is continuing to investigate opportunities to increase recreational and ecotourism access to Queensland's national parks estate.

## HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

### ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 2

asked on Friday, 28 September 2012

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

The 2011-2012 estimated actual spending for national parks is \$309.4m in contrast with the 2013 estimate of \$195.2m. Can you please explain the differentiation?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

The 2011-12 estimated actual spending for national parks as reflected on page 5 of the 2012-13 Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing Service Delivery Statement includes one-off estimated expenditure of \$271.4 million for an asset valuation decrement expense.

This decrement expense reflects the results of the recent asset revaluation exercise with a devaluation of land (\$149.0 million), buildings (\$4.1 million) and infrastructure (\$118.3 million) in national parks. Under accounting standards, land, buildings and infrastructure is required to be comprehensively revalued every five years and for other years an interim revaluation applied based on relevant indices. The interim assessment by State Valuation Services indicated that asset values declined during 2011-12.

Accounting guidelines do not allow the transfer of existing Asset Revaluation Reserves from predecessor departments and as the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing is a new entity there is no reserve that this devaluation expense could be offset against. As a result the devaluation is required to be expensed and recognised in the Income Statement.

When the one-off decrement expense is excluded from the 2011-12 estimated actual expenditure for national parks the total becomes \$38.0 million. This total reflects two months of activity in 2011-12 reflecting the resource transfers as a result of machinery of Government changes to the new department which took effect from 1 May 2012. The 2012-13 estimated expenditure relates to the full 12 months.



HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 3

asked on Friday, 28 September 2012

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

With respect to requirements under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* to enact a management plan for each protected area, the former Labor Minister Kate Jones is quoted as saying it will take 30 years and \$60m to complete all the management plans (Source: Brisbane Times, 6 October 2010). What methods are being used to ensure appropriate planning for national parks?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

The Auditor-General's report No 9 of 2010 outlined that, despite it being a requirement of the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, the former Labor government had management plans for just 17% of Queensland's protected areas.

Following the release of this report the former government did very little to address the problem and responded to the report that it would take 30 years and \$60million to complete all the management plans required. Instead of taking steps to provide for the future of Queensland's national parks estate they wrote it off as an impossible task.

All the while the former Labor government continued to acquire land for conservation purposes yet they didn't have a plan for the land they already had and they didn't have a plan for the land they were acquiring. They simply wanted to meet a percentage target of land locked away.

The priorities of this government could not be any different. My Department is currently reviewing all land acquired post 2002 to determine its best future use. My Department has now implemented management plans or statements for 98% of national parks and is continuing to make progress in management planning.

My Department is also revisiting the recommendations made by the Auditor-General in his 2010 report to see how we can best implement them. Under this government we will ensure that parks are more accessible for Queenslanders, better managed and are good neighbours.

## HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

### ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 4

asked on Friday, 28 September 2012

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

In 2011-2012, completion of the infrastructure program fell short of the Department's own target. What planning is underway to ensure that the target is met in 2012-2013 and visitor service and safety standards are maintained?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

Queensland's parks and forests host 58 million visits annually (26 million visits to terrestrial parks) and suitable facilities are essential to ensure visitor access, enjoyment and safety. Access and safety of visitors and staff are weighted highest in capital project evaluations.

In 2011-12, the base funding budget for Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) capital works was \$13.6 million. This represents a significant investment in new and upgraded infrastructure on parks.

In 2011-12, the QPWS capital works performance index was set at 90% with 71.5% being achieved. Capital works expenditure was 89.6% of budget and project completion was 53.4% (55 projects out of 103), with the remaining projects to be carried over for completion in 2012-13.

The index target was not met predominantly as a result of the impact of extreme weather events in Queensland. This resulted in delays in accessing construction sites and diversion of rangers to undertake repairs of disaster-damaged infrastructure. In all, some 20 projects were not completed as a result of flooding or ongoing wet weather that prevented access to parks and visitor sites and the progress of others was slowed.

Unexpended funding for all flood and wet weather impacted projects totalled \$1.34 million and these projects will be completed as soon as conditions improve and access is possible.

The index target has been reduced in 2012-13 to 80% in recognition of the need to complete backlog projects and to reflect the later allocation of capital funding due to the timing of the State budget for 2012-13.

In 2012-13 the base funding for QPWS capital works is \$13.9 million, and the program will focus on upgrading or replacing existing infrastructure in areas of highest visitor and management demand. The program will enable QPWS to improve visitor services and will ensure that safety standards meet or exceed the established benchmarks.



**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 5**

**asked on Friday, 28 September 2012**

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

In 2012-2013, \$13.9m has been budgeted for capital works for QPWS. What type of infrastructure will be prioritised and how will this assist the government to deliver increased recreation and eco-tourism access?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

This Government is committed to improving visitor access to Queensland's parks and forests, and in order to increase the number of visits from the current 58 million per annum, it is vital that facilities are provided for visitors to comfortably and safely enjoy Queensland's beautiful natural assets.

Current facilities include over 2,000 kilometres of walking tracks and associated infrastructure; 473 camping areas; over 200 day-use sites; over 30,000 kilometres of roads and fire-lines; and around 150 work-bases to enable an effective ranger presence in our parks and forests.

In 2011-12, the base funding budget for Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) capital works was \$13.6 million; this year \$13.9 million has been allocated. Visitor access and safety projects are weighted highest in the capital works project evaluation process.

The QPWS capital works program in 2012-13 will see approximately \$8.1 million being spent on visitor infrastructure projects, including some exciting projects that will enhance visitor access to our parks. This includes mountain bike tracks at Sylvia Creek on the Atherton Tableland and Cape Pallarenda near Townsville; upgrading of visitor facilities in Byfield National Park; and upgrading the exit road which leads from Kingfisher Bay Resort to the major sights on Fraser Island.

Other works to improve visitor access include the upgrade of approximately 800 metres of the existing Mount Cook Summit walking track; the replacement of the Lizard Island pedestrian bridge and boardwalk; an upgraded amenities block at Maiala day use area in D'Aguilar Range National Park; the reconstruction of the Bluff Point walking track in Capricorn Coast National Park; the upgrade of the

walking tracks in Blackdown Tableland National Park; the upgrade of the Ngungun summit track in Glass House Mountains National Park; and the upgrade of the northern entry to the bypass track at Yidney Rocks on Fraser Island.

QPWS will also be investing approximately \$5.1 million from base funding to replace or upgrade management infrastructure including boundary fences at Boodjamulla National Park, Blackbraes National Park, Idalia National Park and Currawinya National Park; an upgrade of the camping booking system and improvements to the VHF communications network on Fraser Island; and an upgrade of the jetty in Fort Lytton National Park to re-open access to the Fort for tour operators and ferry services from the Brisbane River.

These projects represent a cross section of the capital investment that is planned for 2012-13 to improve access to, and protection of, our parks and forests; and to deliver on this Government's commitment of increased recreation access and eco-tourism access.

A further \$0.75 million will be allocated to high priority projects when revenue from the sale of land at Rainbow Beach is available.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 6

asked on Friday, 28 September 2012

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

In relation to the LNP's Friends of Parks election commitment, which has a budget of \$500k in 2012-2013, what benefits will having a more organised volunteer workforce deliver for QPWS, including both financial and non-financial outcomes?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

Currently QPWS has a volunteer database of over 900 volunteers and works with many different organisations on a number of different projects, some ongoing, some one-off, some conservation focused and some recreation focused.

The LNP's Friends of Parks election commitment seeks to formalise these volunteer arrangements and provide them with an organised structure to ensure that volunteer labour is directed where QPWS needs it and that everyone who wishes to contribute to our parks has the opportunity to volunteer.

Volunteering in our parks will generate a sense of ownership and responsibility for our protected areas and encourage people to use them in a way which minimises their impact both on the environment and the park infrastructure.

The Friends of Parks program will also allow QPWS to utilise a large, mobile and enthusiastic workforce alongside QPWS Rangers to complete projects that would otherwise take an extended period of time to complete using Ranger efforts alone.

These are just some of the benefits that this program will generate for QPWS but the total beneficial value of the program is something that I don't think we will ever be able to put a price tag on.



**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 7**

**asked on Friday, 28 September 2012**

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

The 2012/13 Budget includes additional funding for the QPWS fire management program. What benefits will this additional funding deliver given the target for area of the estate to be burnt remains the same?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

The 2012-13 budget for the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing includes an additional \$1.5 million in funding for the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service's (QPWS) enhanced fire management program.

In response to the disastrous bushfires that occurred in Victoria in early 2009, QPWS initiated a full operational review of its fire management program. The QPWS Fire Review evaluated its fire management performance against key risk assessment benchmarks to determine what actions and investments were required over time to close identified gaps.

The QPWS Fire Review acknowledged the significant investment and improvements QPWS had made to its fire management program over the last decade. Of particular note were extensive enhancements in the areas of fire information and management systems; policy and procedural support; fire-related plant and equipment; fire-ground communications and fire-fighter safety.

Major areas identified for improvement included specialist fire management staff in the regions; improved fire training; wildfire preparedness and incident management; better performance assessment, monitoring and reporting and an increase in planned burning.

Over the last two years additional work has been undertaken to further build the capacity of QPWS front line rangers to respond to fire emergencies.

Funding of the fire management program in the order of \$1.5 million annually dropping progressively to \$1.276 million annually in 2014-15 and 2015-16, will target the following key areas in addition to base funded fire management activities:

- an enhanced fire training program for rangers (\$350,000), including incident control management, planned burning courses, fire investigation, radio communication, aerial ignition and the development of on-line training packages;
- the state-wide aerial ignition program of \$800,000 enables burning in remote locations and the capacity to cover large areas which reduces the potential for large scale wildfires;
- planned burn guidelines will provide rangers with consistent direction on the fire requirements of different ecosystems and ensure that the risk to human life and property is managed and mitigated; (\$250,000). It is anticipated that local councils, the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service and other fire agencies will also use these guidelines; and
- production of fire vegetation and action maps, fire operational and fire history mapping will assist fire preparation and emergency response. This will also integrate new Landsat remote sensing fire scar mapping data to improve reporting capabilities (\$100,000).

It is anticipated that after two years, the development of the planned burn guidelines will be complete and only require regular updates to products and program delivery.



**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 8**

**asked on Friday, 28 September 2012**

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

Following the planned streamline and 50% reduction of permit classes, what benefits will this provide both to the potential applicants and also to the Department itself?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

The Government is committed to reducing red tape across Queensland. In my Department, as part of the government's DestinationQ commitments, we have identified that permit classes can be reduced by up to 50%.

Work has already begun for the reduction of types of permits to benefit ecotourism operators. Recently we made a minor regulatory change that will allow ecotourism operators to use contemporary invoicing processes and lodge returns quarterly rather than monthly. This will cut the administrative burden by up to 75 per cent for over 480 permits.

By converting Group Activity Permits to a simple booking system, up to 400 recreation groups including scouts, church groups and schools no longer need to fill out an eight page form and wait up to 40 business days for their trip to the local nation park. That's 3,200 less pages of paperwork that these groups need to complete and the Department needs to assess.

But there is further work to be done and a review is already well underway. It is expected that some of the reforms which will result include removing inconsistencies and duplication in permit requirements and assessment processes, streamlining and saving time for both applicants and the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

## HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

### ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 9

asked on Friday, 28 September 2012

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

The LNP's election commitment to the *Get in the Game* program was \$16m, in the 2012-2013 budget it is \$18m. How will the *Get in the Game* program achieve the Department's objective of increased grassroots sport participation and what difference will the extra funding make?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

Active lifestyles that enhance health & well-being are important to all Queenslanders. We are acutely aware that for many families the rising cost of living is a huge barrier to them taking part in sport and active recreation and therefore may miss out on the benefits that such participation would bring. *Get in the Game* directly addresses these barriers. It aims to provide all Queenslanders with the opportunity to gain from an active lifestyle gained from sport and recreation.

The Get Started program will provide more than 40,000 vouchers to assist young people (5-17 years of age) to join a sport or recreation club. Get Started is aimed at those who will most benefit from participation due either to their inability to meet the costs or those that would otherwise benefit from participation having been recommended by referral agents supporting their involvement. This is a clear 'win' for the sporting clubs who will see a boost in membership and of course a 'win' for the young people themselves who then enjoy the fantastic benefits that participating in a sport and recreation club brings – teamwork, skill acquisition, developing friendships and the health improvements of being active.

The Get Going and Get Playing programs directly assist sport and recreation clubs attract new members, acquire equipment and develop infrastructure. These programs are designed to increase the clubs' ability to meet members' needs and support their local community by increasing participation in sport and recreation.

The extra \$2 million in funding will support additional infrastructure projects beyond the original allocation of \$8 million in this area. The extra funding will enable the department to support at least another 20 grassroots clubs with \$100,000 grants.



## HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

### ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 10

asked on Friday, 28 September 2012

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

The *Get in the Game* program has 3 aspects: Get Started, Get Going and Get Playing. How will the Get Going and Get Playing aspects of the program help to achieve the objective of increased participation in sport and how does this differ from the approach of the former Labor Government?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

Get Going provides sport and recreation organisations with the opportunity to attract new members, thus boosting participation at the community level.

Get Going aims to support not-for-profit local sports and recreation clubs with one-off grants of up to \$10,000 for activities and equipment that create opportunities for more Queenslanders to join and become active members. The program will assist not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations to:

- Deliver initiatives and programs that increase membership
- Develop programs & services that are more effective so that more Queenslanders can become members
- Meet the needs of their members

Get Playing provides up to \$100,000 in funding to assist local sport and recreation clubs in the area of facility development upgrades, crucial to clubs to support their increasing membership levels.

Get playing aims to:

- Develop and improve facilities that support active club membership
- Address current and future community demand for sport and recreation facilities
- Encourage Queenslanders to become active members

The former Labor government had a range of ad hoc funding programs that did not provide clubs with clear avenues of support to increase participation. The *Get in the Game* suite of programs clearly focusses direct funding to sport and recreation clubs

at the grass roots level, with the direct aim of lifting participation. Through one program - *Get in the Game* - clubs can attract new members, obtain equipment, support volunteers, and develop infrastructure. This is great news for local communities.

**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 11**

**asked on Friday, 28 September 2012**

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

I refer to page 84 of Budget Paper 2 of the 2012-13 Budget. Will the Minister advise how many positions (broken down by permanent, temporary, casual and contract) have been abolished since 26 March 2012 in the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, listed by job title, salary level and location and/or departmental region?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

The attached table indicates the position titles, classification and work locations broken down by permanent, temporary, casual and contract of the positions abolished within the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing since 26 March 2012.

As the National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing organisation structure has not yet been created in the department's human resource information system, it is not possible at this time to report by unit or section.

With regard to three of the casual positions identified in the attached table, the payroll practice is that where a casual employee ceases employment, the position is abolished. If a new casual employee is subsequently employed, a new casual position is created.

In 2011 QPWS undertook a review of casual employment. As a result, casual positions that were found to be vacant for greater than 12 months were abolished. Two of the casual positions identified in the attached table fall into this category.

Two temporary ranger positions identified in the attached table were created to assist with the upgrade of the Lake McKenzie visitor facilities. After finalisation of this project the positions were subsequently abolished, as is the custom practice for temporary positions.



## ATTACHMENT

## Health and Community Services Committee

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## No. 11

National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing Positions Abolished since  
26 March 2012

Permanent		
Position Title	Classification	Location
Administration Officer	AO3	Townsville
	AO3	Rockhampton
	AO3	Brisbane
Administrative Officer	AO2	Cairns
	AO2	Atherton
	AO2	Ingham
Centre Administration Officer	AO1	Mundubbera
Conservation Officer	PO2	Rockhampton
Correspondence Officer	AO5	Brisbane
Director	SO	Brisbane
District Administration Officer	AO3	Moggill
Information Support Officer	AO3	Brisbane
Manager	AO7	Cairns
	AO7	Brisbane
Principal Conservation Officer	PO4	Brisbane
Project Officer	AO4	Brisbane
Project Support Officer	AO3	Brisbane
	AO3	Brisbane
	AO4	Brisbane
Senior Conservation Officer	PO3	Moggill
Senior Development Officer	AO6	Brisbane
Senior Graphic Designer	TO3	Brisbane
Senior Policy Officer	AO6	Brisbane
Senior Project Officer	AO5	Brisbane
	PO3	Cairns
	PO3	Cairns
Senior Workforce Management Officer	AO5	Brisbane
Temporary		
Position Title	Classification	Location
Administrative Officer	AO2	Nathan
Principal Policy Officer	AO7	Brisbane
Project Officer	AO4	Brisbane
Project Support Officer	AO3	Brisbane
Ranger	OO5	Fraser Island
Ranger (Indigenous Identified)	OO3	Fraser Island
Casual		
Position Title	Classification	Location
Ranger	OO2	Carnarvon
	OO3	Magnetic Is
	OO3	Cooktown
	OO3	Fleays
	OO3	Cooktown

## HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

### ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 12

asked on Friday, 28 September 2012

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

I refer to table 5.4 on page 88 of Budget Paper 2, which shows a decrease in current grants funding by the Queensland Government in 2012-13. Will the Minister list all grant funding allocations that have been cut by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing for local governments and non-government and community organisations in the 2012-13 State Budget, listed in the same format as used by the Health Minister in response to Question on Notice 445?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

The financial position inherited by this Government has been broadly reported and all programs have been scrutinised to identify contributions to the overarching commitment to get Queensland's finances back on track.

The table below shows grant funding allocations that have been identified as necessary savings measures by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing for local governments and non-government and community organisations in the 2012-13 State Budget.

Organisation	Project	2012/13 Funding (\$ ex GST)	End Date
Gold Coast City Council	Gold Coast motorcycle development at Staplyton	1,000,000	September 2012
Mackay Football Club	Relocation of Mackay Football Club	1,000,000	September 2012

**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 13**

**asked on Friday, 28 September 2012**

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

I refer to Schedule 2 in the Appropriation Bill 2012, outlining the 2012-13 funding allocation for Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing. Will the Minister list every work unit, branch and/or division that has been abolished within his department and the number of staff positions contained within each abolished work area, as part of the process of developing the 2012-13 State Budget?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

I can advise that no work unit, branch and/or division within the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing has been abolished as part of the process of developing the 2012 – 2013 State Budget.

The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing was established through machinery of government changes in April 2012. Work unit changes were required as a result of creating a new department.



**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 14**

**asked on Friday, 28 September 2012**

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

Referring to page 58 of Budget Paper 4, I ask the Minister (a) how much money has been deferred from the forward estimates for the acquisition and rejuvenation of land on North Stradbroke and (b) what scientific assessments were taken before deciding to allow sand mining to continue on North Stradbroke?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

The matters raised are the responsibility of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines and the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection respectively.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 15

asked on Friday, 28 September 2012

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

I refer to page 27 of the SDS and ask if the Minister can please provide a breakdown of wagering tax revenue allocated to the Racing Industry Capital Development Scheme in each of the 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 financial years, reported separately?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

The allocation of taxation revenue falls under the portfolio responsibilities of the Treasurer and Minister for Trade.

Payments totalling \$22.278 million have been made to Racing Queensland Limited, as part of the Racing Industry Capital Development Scheme. \$2.350 million was paid in 2010-11 and \$19.928 million was paid in 2011-12.

Page 84 of BP3, shows the Department will receive an estimated \$38.888 million in 2012-13 to be paid to Racing Queensland Limited as a further component of the Racing Industry Capital Development Scheme.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 16

asked on Friday, 28 September 2012

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

I refer to page 4 of the SDS and ask; will the Minister please list all for all Queensland National Parks (a) current recreational and tourist activities allowed, (b) any changes to recreational and tourist activities allowed since March 24 2012 (c) whether the park is currently being considered for an extension of recreational and tourist activities (d) detail any estimated extra revenue from permit applications due to expanded recreational and tourist activities.

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

All Queensland terrestrial parks, marine parks, recreation areas and state forests are managed in accordance with the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, *Marine Parks Act 2004*, *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* and the *Forestry Act 1959* respectively, their relevant subordinate legislation and the park's management plan or statement where available.

The former Labor government left Queensland's national parks in a grim state with just 17% of protected areas with a management plan to inform management decisions within the park. The rest of our parks had no clear direction, no defined management principles and it was easier to lock it up away from the public than to provide a future for our protected areas.

This Government is unashamedly working to ensure that our parks are properly managed and are available to be enjoyed into the future. We are continuing to investigate ways to increase recreational and ecotourism opportunities in parks and are streamlining the permit system as part of our commitments following DestinationQ and the government's ongoing commitment to cutting red tape.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 17

asked on Friday, 28 September 2012

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

I refer to page 60 of Budget Paper 4. I ask will the Minister list all organisations that received funding as part of the Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program 2011-12 round and list the amounts received.

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

The Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program which is administered by the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing aims to increase or enhance participation and provide greater accessibility for community involvement in sport and recreation through the development or upgrade of sport and recreation facilities.

The list of funding received from the Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program in 2011-12 is available to the public through the department's website at:  
<http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/approved-funding-recipients.html>



HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 18

asked on Friday, 28 September 2012

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

I refer to page 60 of Budget Paper 4. I ask will the Minister advise whether any modelling or analysis has been done on the economic and social impact of the cut to the Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program.

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

The state of Queensland's finances after the reign of the former Labor government where everyone won a prize have left this government with some tough decisions to protect and grow the future of our state. Under the former government, sport and recreation was left to languish with no clear direction for the future. The former government's answer was the same as every other problem: throw enough money at it and it will go away.

The Government is focussed on getting Queensland back on track as opposed to the paralysis by analysis under the former Labor government. In addition to the Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Program, sport and recreation clubs in Queensland will now benefit from the *Get in the Game* program, an LNP election commitment, to increase participation in grassroots sport.

Additionally, a whole-of-government approach will see a wide range of community interests, including sport and recreation, benefit from the programs such as Royalties to the Regions, as well as the significant sport and recreation benefits of infrastructure investment to support the upcoming 2018 Commonwealth Games.

**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 19**

**asked on Friday, 28 September 2012**

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

I refer to page 12 of the SDS and ask; will the Minister please list, by area, all controlled burn-offs planned for land managed by the Department for this fire season and detail whether each of these burn-offs has been completed, partially completed or cancelled?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

As part of a comprehensive planning process, the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing, through the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS), annually identifies sections of its parks and forests estate in a rolling program of planned burning to meet protection and ecological purposes. Priority is given to burns that achieve community protection outcomes, for example, hazard reduction burns in protection zones adjacent to urban interface, public recreation areas, and infrastructure.

This forward rolling program identifies desirable burns that have been peer group reviewed and that are 'ready to go' as the opportunity arises.

In implementing planned burns, QPWS targets weather conditions optimal to the burn objectives and that minimise risks and impacts of the burn on surrounding communities. The final decision on proceeding with a burn is made on the morning of the proposed burn to ensure that: weather conditions are favourable; pre-burn preparations are satisfactory; and that operational tactics have been refined as necessary.

The rolling program deliberately identifies more planned burns than will be implemented to provide the flexibility for regional staff to continually review, adapt and prioritise their planned burns in consideration of: variable seasonal conditions; localised vegetation growth rates, fuel loads and curing rates, and weather conditions; fire danger rating; fire programs by neighbouring land holders; recent wildfire history; and other factors.



As all planned burning undertaken contributes to fire season preparedness, the department adopts a fire-year (March to February) for its annual planned burn program. Planned burns that are not undertaken are rolled over to the following year's planned burn program for review. The fact that not all identified planned burns are undertaken in a fire year cannot be used as a measure of effectiveness in fire season preparations.

Planned burning is only one element of the department's fire season preparedness activities. Other aspects include maintaining an extensive network of fire control lines; maintaining a well equipped and skilled workforce; continuous upgrading of wildfire response capability; and maintaining systems and databases that support fire management, wildfire response, and reporting.

To date this fire-year the department has carried out some 396 planned burns over an area of about 682,500 hectares. This is a good outcome given the unseasonably wet conditions in autumn and early winter that impacted the implementation of the planned burn program.

In regard to 2012-13 SDS performance measures, the department is on track to meet its target of 5% of the parks and forests estate subjected to planned burning under the Fire Management System.

Due to the extensive nature of the department's planned burning program, a regional summary for the fire-year to date is provided below.

QPWS Region	Available	Implemented	
	(Number)	(Number)	(Hectares)
North Queensland Marine	22	15	1,669
Cape York Savanna	75	68	469,837
Wet Tropics	45	38	14,710
Central Queensland Marine	13	7	230
Capricornia	69	29	17,778
Western	104	86	144,216
Sunshine Coast Burnett	148	77	26,815
Great Sandy	31	18	760
Moreton Bay	13	3	213
South East	171	55	6,360
<b>Total</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>682,588</b>

Table notes:

- Data is for the 2012 fire-year (1 March 2012 to 28 February 2013). Data on planned burns implemented is up to 30 September 2012.
- Available planned burns are those that have been peer group reviewed and are available for implementation subject to the range of conditions necessary to achieve the burn objectives, as identified in the burn proposal.
- The Fire Management System utilised by department provides the framework for the planning, approval, implementation and reporting of planned burn activity.
- Planned burns often serve multiple purposes.

**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING  
QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 20**

**asked on Friday, 28 September 2012**

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THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

I refer to page 4 of the SDS and ask; will the Minister please list for all Queensland National Parks whether detailed mapping of fauna populations and flora coverage have been completed?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) relies on fauna and flora mapping undertaken by the Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts (DSITIA).





## Questions taken on Notice at Hearing and Responses

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

ESTIMATES

QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE AT THE HEARING

No. 1

asked on Wednesday, 17 October 2012

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MR MULHERIN ASKED—

QUESTION:


The Minister has confirmed that the direction that Racing Queensland requires prior approval for employing, engaging and terminating staff is still in force.

I refer to the appointment by Racing Queensland Limited (RQL) of Mr Allan Reardon as Director of Steward Development, which has been widely reported, and ask, did RQL seek and obtain Government approval prior to this appointment being made?

ANSWER:

I thank the Committee for the Question.

Yes.



## Documents tabled at the hearing



graffiti. We have found over \$100 million in savings due to Labor's poor and reckless financial management. We have repealed sustainability declarations and we are consulting with local government on changes to the Local Government Act.

(Time expired)

**Mr STEVENS:** I move—

That the Premier be further heard.

**Mr PITT:** I rise to oppose the motion moved by the Manager of Government Business.

Question put—That the motion be agreed to.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr NEWMAN:** I would not have gone so fast if I had known that people were going to be so generous to me this morning! I thank honourable members and I will keep going. We have commenced drafting an agreement between state and local governments—

**Mr PITT:** For the benefit of the House and all here, we ask that the remainder of the Premier's speech be incorporated into *Hansard*.

**Madam SPEAKER:** Leader of Opposition Business, a member cannot seek an incorporation on behalf of another member. That is out of order.

**Mr NEWMAN:** How long has he been here? How long was he a minister? They do not want to hear this and, more importantly, they do not want Queenslanders to hear it. We are developing a port strategy to mitigate the impacts of coastal development. We have approved almost one major project for every business day of the Newman government. We have reached a new EB agreement with our nurses to make sure they are properly remunerated, and I thank the Minister for Health for that.

This government is moving fast. It has hit the ground running. It is working to deliver the things that we promised to Queenslanders. I am fascinated that today members of the opposition would come into this place and ask questions about delivery. We deliver. They do not deliver; they talk, they hold hands and we know what they all sing. What do they sing?

**Government members:** *Kumbaya!*

**Mr NEWMAN:** That is right. They sing, they hold hands and they have hugs. When they are not doing that, they work the numbers and have internecine fights. They fight and claw at one another. Ours is a record of achievement. We have restored the Criminal Code provision about lying to parliament and we have established the Commission of Audit. All of the things that were promised are happening.

### National Parks

**Mr MULHERIN:** My question is to the Minister for National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing. I refer the minister to the Costello Commission of Audit and the government's own cost-cutting program, including job losses and cuts to front-line services. I ask: will the minister rule out the imposition of general entry fees to Queensland's national parks?

**Mr DICKSON:** I thank the member for the question. We on this side of parliament are here to make sure front-line services continue to be delivered for the people of Queensland, and that is what we will continue to do. Under the old Labor government the problems in this state went on for far too long. They burned up to nearly \$85 billion and had to borrow money to pay staff wages. You should be hanging your heads in shame. Every front-line service under national parks will be looked after. We have just over 800 rangers and those are front-line service people. They will be out there continually looking after national parks. You really do not care about national parks because—

**Madam SPEAKER:** Order! Minister, please address members by their proper titles.

**Mr DICKSON:** The Labor Party will never look after national parks. You would be very aware that you had management plans for only 17 per cent of national parks. In this great state we have 13 million hectares of national parks and you had management plans for 17 per cent. Were you asleep at the wheel? What happened? Tell me: what happened? Answer me that question. What were you doing?

**Madam SPEAKER:** Minister, resume your seat.

**Ms Trad** interjected.

**Madam SPEAKER:** Order! I warn the member for South Brisbane. Minister, I ask you to refer to members by their title and not to use the term 'you'. I call the minister.

**Mr DICKSON:** Thank you for your guidance, Madam Speaker. The Labor Party have run this great state into debt. They did not look after our national parks. They did not look after racing. They did not look after sport.

**Mr Mulherin:** You've already said that.



**Mr DICKSON:** Everything that falls under my portfolio was left to go to rack and ruin. I would love the former minister for racing to ask a question about racing sometime soon. I really do look forward to that. I do thank the opposition for their question. I look forward to many more coming in my direction.

### Credit Rating

**Mr GRANT:** My question without notice is to the Treasurer. Will the Treasurer please inform the House of Queensland's debt position and credit rating? Is he aware of any alternative policies?

**Mr NICHOLLS:** I thank the member for Springwood for his question. During the election campaign I visited Springwood with the then candidate and councillor for that part of the world down there in Logan. We had a very good discussion with businesspeople, who were shocked to learn of the state of the debt and the deficit that Labor had led Queensland into.

We all recall that Queensland had a AAA credit rating and we all recall that it was lost by the Labor Party in 2009. At that stage debt was \$43 billion and was estimated to reach \$74 billion. Now, under the Labor plan, it is proposing to reach \$85 billion in 2014-15. Members will also recall that I have referred to the incoming government brief, which mentions the fact—and members may even now remember some of it—that Queensland's debt level is unsustainable and requires urgent remedial action in this term of government. I delved further into the independent reports that we received as an incoming government. I thought I would relay to members some information from the Queensland Treasury Corporation incoming government brief. I know members on this side are financially literate, do want to understand the impact of borrowing on the state's finances and know what it means in terms of getting this state back on track. Here is what the Queensland Treasury Corporation incoming brief says. For the benefit of those opposite I will quote from it in the vain hope that they may at some stage learn something. It says—

Feedback from QTC's recent financial markets interactions indicates that market participants consider the State's fiscal position to be unsustainable and are looking for the Government to deliver a credible strategy to address the State's level of debt and ongoing budget deficits as a matter of priority.

I am sure honourable members will find that this sounds hauntingly familiar. It goes on—

Prompt action to develop, implement and communicate such a strategy is essential to support QTC's ongoing ability to access funds.

**Mr Rickuss:** What would have happened if—

**Mr NICHOLLS:** Wait, member for Lockyer. It goes on—

The State's debt has reached unprecedented levels. Together with its published forward estimates showing an even greater volume of debt will be required, Queensland is now in 'uncharted waters' with respect to the volume of debt on issue and the resultant interest bill.

It is not simply the fact that Queensland is rated AA+ relative to the AAA rating of Australia's other mainland states ... In light of the current economic and market environment, it is also the State's:

- significantly higher current levels of debt
- significantly higher forecast borrowings, and
- need for a clear strategy to address the deficit and debt levels.

There you have it: we are in uncharted waters as a result of Labor. I also table for the benefit of the House a graph titled Moody's Investor Service's Comparison of States' Debt Burdens. The green line on this graph is where we were heading under Labor.

*Tabled paper:* Graph, undated, titled 'Moody's Investors Service's Comparison of States' Debt Burdens' [259].

(Time expired)

### Just Futures Strategy

**Mr PITT:** My question is to the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs. The Just Futures Indigenous justice strategy was launched in December last year to help reduce the incarceration rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders, who are currently 12 times more likely to be in prison than non-Indigenous Queenslanders. With the Costello audit pending, will the minister today rule out axing the Just Futures task force as well as other relevant bodies like QATSIAC?

**Mr Nicholls:** What about the \$85 billion in debt? Don't you understand that?

**Madam SPEAKER:** Order! I warn the Treasurer. I call the minister.

**Mr ELMES:** I thank the member for Mulgrave for his question. I know that he does have a very real interest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs. I could not help but hear the comment from the Treasurer, 'What is it that they don't understand about \$85 billion worth of debt?' It is a problem. I hope that the honourable member heard the answer to the question that the Treasurer just gave about where we are in this state in terms of uncharted waters.

I can tell the member that every service delivery operation in my department is under review. It is not under review—

## Correspondence





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Dear Mr Dowling

I write to you regarding the Estimates Hearing for the portfolio of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing held on 17 October 2012 by the Health and Community Services Committee. Upon reviewing the Hansard Proof from the Estimates Hearing, I have identified a number of minor clarifications that I would like to bring to the Committee's attention.

The below clarifications relate to the transcript contained on page 11 of the Hansard Proof in relation to the status of management planning for national parks and protected areas. Please note that strikethroughs indicate replacements and italics indicate additions.

Attributable to myself (**Mr DICKSON**):

- "...there were only management plans for some 17 per cent of our national parks protected areas – "
- "We now have 95 98 per cent *of our national parks* covered by management plans *or by management statements*."

Attributable to the Director-General (**Dr Glaister**):

- "The current statistics for 2012 *for management statements* is that for national parks 252 of the 322 national parks or 78 per cent..."
- "There are 320 322 national parks,..."

I would note that while the specific language around national park/ protected area and management plans/ management statements has been corrected, the substantive point remains unaltered - that there has been a significant increase in the number of protected areas, including national parks, that are now covered by an appropriate management regime, either through a management plan or management statement.

As the Minister for National Parks, the almost 13 million hectares of land over which I have portfolio responsibility for include some 13 different tenure types under the *Nature Conservation Act (1992)* in addition to state forests, marine parks, recreation areas and some unallocated state lands.

Whilst National Park is one of the tenure types under the *Nature Conservation Act (1992)* in consistency with my portfolio title and for ease of reference it is also common to refer to the total sum of protected areas managed under my portfolio as national parks.

I would ask that this additional information be provided with the Committee's final Estimates Report. I hope this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Rhys Turner, Chief of Staff in my office on telephone 3224 7477.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Steve Dickson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Steve Dickson MP**  
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## Answers to Questions on Notice

## **Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice**

**No. 1**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### **QUESTION**

What is the Government doing to support the celebration of Queensland's multicultural diversity?

### **ANSWER**

The people of Queensland represent a wealth of cultural diversity, with more than one in five Queenslanders born overseas.

In addition, more than one in three (36.2 per cent) Queenslanders were either born overseas or had at least one parent born overseas.

In recognition of Queensland's increasing cultural diversity, the Government will launch the inaugural Queensland Multicultural Week in September 2013. The new program aims to ensure that Queensland's cultural diversity is properly represented not just in Brisbane, but also in other parts of the state.

The Multicultural Week will give Queenslanders the opportunity to participate in a range of activities that celebrate multiculturalism and highlight the benefits that cultural diversity brings to our state.

A signature government-delivered event within the Queensland Multicultural Week is the Queensland Multicultural Awards, which are held in very high regard by the multicultural sector.

The Queensland Multicultural Awards will recognise individuals, organisations and businesses that show leadership and innovation in promoting multiculturalism across the state.

Through delivering the 2012-2013 annual grants round of the Multicultural Queensland Partnerships Program, the Government will also maintain the provision of grants for multicultural events and community projects to ensure development of culturally responsive services and continued promotion of cultural differences as a positive and valuable resource for Queensland.

The 2012-2013 annual grants round closed on 10 October 2012. Grants of up to \$10,000 will be allocated to diverse cultural events and community projects that take place in 2013.



## **Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice**

**No. 2**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### **QUESTION**

What programs does the Government have in place to support the assimilation of people from other cultures into Australia?

### **ANSWER**

The Queensland Government has a strong commitment to supporting our State's cultural diversity, with many services and programs directed to assisting refugee and migrant communities.

The Queensland Multicultural Policy outlines key priorities to support our multicultural communities, including improving services and jobs, skills and enterprise. As a Government policy, multiculturalism promotes unity in our society and a sense of belonging for all Queenslanders, regardless of cultural, linguistic, religious and ethnic backgrounds.

The Local Area Multicultural Partnerships and Community Action for a Multicultural Society programs assist local government and community organisations to employ workers dedicated to supporting the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse Queenslanders.

The Multicultural Queensland Partnerships Program provides grants to assist eligible organisations to deliver projects and events that strengthen multiculturalism.

The Language Services Policy requires all Queensland Government departments to budget for and engage interpreters as required to assist clients that have difficulty communicating in English and the Queensland Interpreter Card can be used at any Queensland Government agency to advise customer service staff of the required language for an interpreter.

The Queensland Migration Heritage Partnership is building awareness of migrant experiences and the social and economic benefits multiculturalism has contributed to Queensland.

The Australian South Sea Islander Scholarship program creates a permanent legacy for the Australian South Sea Islander community by providing ongoing support through annual scholarships for tertiary studies.

The On the Same Wave program, a joint water safety initiative between the Queensland Government and Surf Life Saving Queensland, aims to promote water and surf safety messages to keep culturally and linguistically diverse Queenslanders safe in the water.

The new Queensland Multicultural Week will promote cultural diversity as a positive and valuable resource for Queensland and will involve a range of activities and events right across the State, inviting all Queenslanders to celebrate Queensland's unity in diversity.

The Queensland Multicultural Awards to be held within Queensland Multicultural Week will recognise individuals, organisations and businesses that show leadership and innovation in promoting multiculturalism across the state.

Funding is also provided to the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland as Queensland's peak multicultural organisation.

## **Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice**

**No. 3**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### **QUESTION**

Can the Minister please advise what the Government is doing to address high levels of alcohol abuse in some Indigenous communities?

### **ANSWER**

Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) operate in 19 discrete Indigenous communities covering 15 Local Government Areas.

Each AMP is different based on the needs of those communities but all include supply reduction strategies and demand reduction services.

Supply reduction strategies aim to reduce access to alcohol and include the alcohol restrictions, home brew bans in some communities and dry place declarations.

Demand reduction services aim to reduce alcohol misuse and addiction. They include sport and recreation services, alcohol treatment and rehabilitation services, the Police-Citizens Youth Clubs' Community Activity Program through Education program, and diversionary services.

In order to reduce alcohol-misuse and alcohol-related harm such as violence, low school attendance and a high number of child protection issues, community leadership is needed.

Every community is different and for real change to occur, communities need to own and develop the solutions in partnership with government.

The Queensland Government has committed to reviewing the AMPs. The Review has now commenced with communities being asked to develop solutions and prepare a community proposal to achieve a sustained reduction in alcohol-related harm and manage alcohol misuse.

The AMP Review's primary consideration will be the safety of community residents, especially women and children. Other considerations will include improving school attendance and reducing child protection notifications.

The Review will consider all aspects of the AMPs including an assessment of both supply strategies and demand services. It will consider ways of improving services and reducing sly grog.

The Review acknowledges that some communities may wish to transition away from their AMP. Transition plans based on reducing alcohol misuse and reducing alcohol-related violence would be required to support transition.

Other communities have already indicated they wish to retain their AMP.



The Australian Government has committed to constructing three residential rehabilitation centres in Normanton, Cooktown and Woorabinda as well as Wellbeing Centres in Doomadgee and Mornington Island. The centres will offer Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with alcohol and substance misuse issues an opportunity to receive further intensive support.

Construction of the centres was due to be completed in 2010 but has been delayed. The Australian Government now reports that they are likely to be constructed and fully operational in 2013. The Queensland Government will continue to work with the Australian Government to deliver on their commitment.

The Queensland Government has also provided funding to extend the operation of the Cape York Welfare Reform (CYWR) Trial for another year to 31 December 2013. The CYWR Trial is a tripartite partnership between the Queensland Government, the Australian Government and Cape York Institute.

The Trial offers a range of programs including referrals to case management and income management through the Family Responsibilities Commission. It operates in four Indigenous communities: Mossman Gorge; Coen; Aurukun; and Hope Vale.

The CYWR Trial aims to restore social norms and local authority; and change behaviours in response to chronic levels of welfare dependency, social dysfunction and economic exclusion.

## **Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice**

**No. 4**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### **QUESTION**

Can the Minister please outline the progress of the LEAP program and what benefits it is having for Indigenous people in urban areas?

### **ANSWER**

The LEAP strategy was launched in July 2011 to improve the delivery of government services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders in urban and regional areas by increasing access to education, employment, health and housing opportunities.

I am very pleased to report that it is delivering results in urban and regional communities across Queensland.

The strategy focuses on improving the social and economic outcomes in urban and regional areas where the majority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live. In Queensland, 78 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people—approximately 113 000—live in urban and regional areas, and many continue to experience poorer health, higher unemployment and lower educational attainment than non-Indigenous Queenslanders.

The strategy has three components:

- First, to improve the delivery of existing government services in the areas of education, employment, health and housing, by making them more effective, responsive and targeted to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders' needs.
- Second, the delivery of on-the-ground community projects developed in partnership with community members to respond to locally identified priorities.
- Third, a social media campaign—Deadly Stories—to profile and promote the many achievements, successes and inspiring stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

During 2011–12, the LEAP program delivered 164 community-based projects across urban and regional areas of Queensland. These projects were developed and delivered in partnership with community members, including Elders, traditional owners and non-government organisations, in response to locally identified priorities.

The importance of the community-based projects is that they respond to community-identified priorities and encourage active community involvement. They are small, practical projects and many have proven to be effective in improving education, employment, health and housing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in urban and regional areas.

While the LEAP strategy doesn't focus solely on employment, many of the social, health and cultural based community-projects delivered during 2011-12 addressed the barriers to employment, such as improving the mental health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, supporting young people involved with or at-risk of entering the criminal justice system, delivering health and recreation programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women,



and supporting community members to obtain their drivers licences to enable them to take-up employment opportunities.

Some examples of the community-based projects delivered in 2011–12 included:

- Establishment of a community health clinic at Vincent and Garbutt State Schools in Townsville staffed by medical students from the local university. Fifty-seven people have attended the clinics since opening in February this year.
- Six Burringilly Elders from Woodridge commenced volunteering at the Woodridge Housing Service Centre to provide cultural support and advice to social housing clients and staff. Fewer complaints have been made about Indigenous social housing clients since the initiative commenced, and problems such as rent arrears are being addressed more effectively.
- Training of a core group of community members in Inala to provide peer support to people at risk of committing suicide, including referrals to clinical health services. Thirty-two clinical referrals were made since the project commenced.
- A cultural precinct has been established at Bundamba State High School by the Liworaji Elders to support students at risk of disengaging from school by delivering cultural activities, a weekly breakfast program and educational assistance. Intensive pre-suspension support was provided for six students and their families.
- Fifty-six children and young people between the ages of five and 17 were provided with the opportunity to participate in local hockey, soccer, rugby league and tennis clubs in Gympie by subsidising the cost of registration for families experiencing financial difficulties.
- Sixty young people from Rockhampton were awarded their White Card in Construction to increase employment opportunities in the sector.
- Six youth justice clients returned to formal education after attending the 'Willing to Learn School' established in Cairns with the Departments of Justice and Attorney-General, Education and the Nintirinanyi Cultural and Training Centre. The initiative targets youth justice clients currently not attending formal education to improve their literacy and numeracy skills, and transition them back to education, training or employment.

The deadly stories campaign has also steadily grown over the last twelve months, and is gaining momentum in promoting the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to the wider Queensland public. The project acknowledges the importance of role models within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, with 107 community members submitting their own 'deadly stories' which has attracted more than 50,000 visits during its first year, and a growing social media presence (Facebook) with over 400 'likes'.

The department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs will continue to work with other Queensland Government Departments to improve the delivery of front-line education, employment, health and housing services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in urban and regional areas.

## Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice

No. 5

Asked on 28 September 2012

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### QUESTION

Can the Minister advise the Committee what the government is doing to improve opportunities for residents of Indigenous communities to own their own homes?

### ANSWER

The Queensland Government has stated as an election commitment that it wants to see home ownership in remote Indigenous communities become a reality for those who aspire to own their home. The Premier has given the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs (DATSIMA) a responsibility of leadership for this to happen.

I am happy to inform you that my department is already delivering in the area.

The Home Ownership Team, based at DATSIMA's Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office in Cairns, is providing information and support for those individuals who have questions about home ownership or the process that is involved. The first step in the process is lodging an Expression of Interest for a 99 year Home Ownership lease for the house and land involved with the relevant Council or Trustees for assessment by the Council and the applicant is advised of an approval or rejection to grant the lease for that particular property.

Providing applicants with accurate information is very important so that those entering into home ownership are able to do so with the certainty that they are making fully informed decisions.

The Home Ownership Team also works with Councils/ Trustees in these communities to help them understand their roles in terms of processing home ownership applications. In this way, Councils are being enabled to build their skills and become strong and effective decision-makers. This not only facilitates home ownership, it is also one example of how the Department is supporting the development of improved governance capacity of Indigenous Councils.

DATSIMA and its Home Ownership Team are working in close collaboration with other state departments to make sure that the policies and procedures that the Queensland Government is developing will mean real change and remove the barriers to home ownership that have existed in the past.

For example, there is a Bill before Parliament that will address issues arising from the *Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (Land Holding) Act 1985* and the *Land Act 1994* in order to remove barriers to home ownership on certain Indigenous land affected by these Acts.

Further to this, changes to Queensland's *Sustainable Planning Regulations (2009)* will remove the need to go through a Development Approval process when a 40 year Social Housing lease is changed over to a 99 year Home Ownership lease.

Changes to these Acts and Regulations demonstrate that the Queensland Government is committed to reducing bureaucratic red tape and is using a whole-of-government approach to



do so. This commitment will make the path to home ownership in remote Indigenous communities much more straightforward.

By supporting home ownership, the Department is not just progressing a singular aspect of improving outcomes for Indigenous Queenslanders. This is one facet of the Queensland Government's resolve to see people who live in indigenous communities having the same opportunities as someone living in any other remote town in Queensland. This will ensure Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders contribute to and enjoy Queensland's prosperity and lifestyle.

These achievements and the on-going efforts of the Department and all of the stakeholders that they work with in improving the opportunities for residents of Indigenous communities to own their own homes are to be applauded.

## **Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice**

**No. 6**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### **QUESTION**

Can the Minister please advise how the latest census demonstrated the changing multicultural make-up of Queensland, and how this might impact on his portfolio's program delivery?

### **ANSWER**

The results of the 2011 Census showed an increase of Queenslanders born overseas, an increase of people reporting an ancestry other than Australian as well as an increase of Queenslanders who speak a language other than English at home.

In 2011, 20.5 per cent of Queensland's total resident population stated they were born overseas, compared with 17.9 per cent in 2006. The number of Queensland residents born overseas increased by 27 per cent from 2006 to 2011, compared with an increase of 18.5 per cent in the rest of Australia.

In addition to the 20.5 per cent of Queensland residents born overseas, more than one in three (36.2 per cent) Queenslanders were either born overseas or had at least one parent born overseas.

The census data also shows that 9.8 per cent of Queenslanders spoke a language other than English at home.

At the time of the 2011 Census, there were 3,093 Australian South Sea Islander residents in Queensland, compared with 944 in the rest of Australia.

There has also been an increase in the number of people affiliated with religions other than Christianity in Queensland. Followers of Hinduism more than doubled from 14,058 in 2006 to 28,641 in 2011. Followers of Islam also grew by 67.5 per cent to 34,047 people and affiliates of Buddhism by 38.8 per cent to 65,941 over the same period.

The data confirms the continuing growth of multicultural groups across the State. This includes a growth in both South East Queensland and regional areas.

For example, the percentage of people born overseas has increased by 35 per cent in Bundaberg and Rockhampton in the period between the 2006 and 2011 Census.

In Gladstone, the increase was 29 per cent, at Mount Isa 25 per cent, and in Mackay 21 per cent.

The results of the 2011 Census provide clear evidence of the growing cultural diversity in Queensland and reflect the Queensland Government's commitment to multiculturalism.

2011 Census data supports the need to continue programs such as the Local Area Multicultural Partnership program, the Community Action for a Multicultural Society program, and the Queensland Multicultural Partnerships Program, as well as activities to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the first South Sea Islanders brought to Queensland.

## **Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice**

**No. 7**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### **QUESTION**

What role will the Minister play in ensuring a sustainable economic future for Indigenous people?

### **ANSWER**

The Queensland Government is committed to increased economic participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

In fact, this Government wants to transform our approach in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs in Queensland by promoting genuine relationships and focussing on economic advantage rather than social disadvantage, which has been the historical approach of previous governments.

Since agreeing to the COAG National Partnership Agreement on Indigenous Economic Participation in 2008, available data indicates that much more needs to be done to reduce Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander unemployment in Queensland.

A new vision is needed across Queensland that can be shared by stakeholders in the public, private and community sectors that extends beyond the 'closing the gap' agenda and builds Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander economic independence, by:

- focussing on economic advantage rather than social disadvantage;
- driving a long-term economic agenda supported by all Queensland Government agencies as part of their core service delivery responsibilities; and
- galvanising effort across all stakeholders.

In 2012–13, the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs will develop an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment/ economic development strategy. That will bring together and guide Queensland Government's efforts to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander economic participation in Queensland, and contribute to our four pillar economy agenda.

Key elements will include:

- brokering industry-government partnerships, including agreements with the tourism, resources, agriculture and construction sectors and other sectors with skills shortages;
- strengthening existing government policies and programs, including deliverables in the Six Month Action Plan and other training and procurement related policies;
- building a culturally capable public sector workforce that recruits, employs and retains a highly skilled and professional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce;



- partnering with and leveraging from the Australian Government to improve the coordination of existing Queensland and Australian Government employment programs;
- focusing on key cohorts within the Indigenous population, including school leavers, young people (aged 17 to 25 years) and traditional owner groups; and
- adopting a regional focus by developing effective engagement mechanisms to strengthen community planning approaches, devolving industry partnerships to regional/local levels, and working collaboratively with local government authorities.

A sustainable economic future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders requires a focus on increasing the employment rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders and increasing the number (and capacity) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses.

The majority of the jobs required to meet these employment outcomes are in the private sector. The Queensland Government can play a role in working with industry and communities to see increased employment outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

For example, my department is negotiating to strengthen the existing industry alliance we have with the Queensland Resource Council and its member companies to improve employment opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders. Other agreements are currently being discussed with Industry and information will be available about those when discussions have progressed further.

Indigenous participation in housing construction, upgrade and ancillary maintenance services in the remote discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are being coordinated through the Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office—managed from Cairns. This is returning economic benefits and avenues for skill development to these communities.

The Queensland Government is also reviewing land tenure arrangements in the Deed of Grant in Trust communities to remove barriers to personal economic development. Home ownership provides an avenue to independence for many non-Indigenous Australians and the Government wants to see this opportunity extended to families in the remote communities who have not had this option before.

This review of land tenure is also considering the introduction of appropriate measures to attract and retain businesses in these communities so that the benefits of economic development may also be enjoyed by residents of remote Indigenous towns.

The Queensland Government has also commenced community consultation towards the development of a Bioregional Management Plan and a Statutory Management Plan for the Cape York Peninsula region. Both these planning instruments will identify economic development opportunities, and will provide a path for Indigenous communities and other sectors of the Cape York community to develop businesses and to promote employment in this region while providing conservation of the more important ecological areas.

Also, the Government is supporting an initiative to develop a register of Indigenous businesses with the capacity to provide goods and services to support major projects in the above-named sectors.

I will also support my fellow Ministers and their departments to add value to their work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander business, and to increase important social outcomes that impact on economic participation, such as education, justice and health.



The most effective path to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander economic development is to provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment and business development through the formation of partnerships with key industry groups and companies and providing the climate for such relationships. This will be an ongoing focus.

## **Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice**

**No. 8**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### **QUESTION**

Can the Minister advise the Committee what initiatives are in place to support future Indigenous leaders?

### **ANSWER**

The Queensland Government is committed to assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders to secure a better future, and therefore ensuring we have Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders into the future.

Our regional offices play a pivotal role in working with the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and non-government organisations to foster opportunities for youth leadership within economic opportunities.

Programs which the Government leads or is a partner in include:

- The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation providing secondary scholarships throughout Queensland;
- the Western Cape Youth Summit—established Youth Councils in Aurukun, Mapoon, Weipa and Napranum to leadership aspirations of local youth;
- The Indigenous Youth Ambassadors Network in partnership with Dr Chris Sarra's Stronger Smarter Institute; and
- Indigenous Youth Parliament, now named after the late Mr Deeral.

These combined initiatives will create a network of young leaders in urban, regional and remote communities throughout Queensland.

The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs (DATSIMA) oversees the Learning Earning Active Places (LEAP) strategy—which supports a wide range of regionally based, community focused small projects, many of which have a focus on fostering future Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders.

Examples of projects include:

- 10 Steps to Learning program on the Gold Coast, which gives young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women the skills to become leaders in their families and communities;
- programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students in St George to explore higher education pathways through university and TAFE; and
- Blackwater's Indigenous Men's Leadership Camp delivered workshops to building the leadership capacity of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men.

DATSIMA is demonstrating its commitment to emerging and existing leaders within Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities by working collaboratively with current leaders from Queensland's Indigenous communities and making sure they are involved at a high level in the work that we do.

For example, the Program Office Board, which governs all activities of DATSIMA's Remote Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office that manages the implementation of social housing in Queensland's discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, holds quarterly 'Partnership Board' meetings. These quarterly meetings bring three local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mayors to the table to ensure that their input and insight are incorporated at this high level decision making forum.

The Government fully supports the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders who are able to give a voice to the needs and aspirations of people in their communities, as well as the ongoing support and development of emerging and current leaders who are representing their communities at a high level.

The development of future Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders is not only about training programs but also about supporting and empowering these leaders to demonstrate their skills across a variety of forums, whether that be having the confidence to influence others through modelled behaviour, through the conversations they have with their family, friends, associates and community or providing leadership on boards and governing committees.

This Government is determined to do all that it can to strengthen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership. It applauds the work of current and emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in their actions to significantly influence the future prosperity of their communities by utilising the education, training and skill building opportunities open to them to enable them to help build towards the economic independence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.



## Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice

No. 9

Asked on 28 September 2012

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### QUESTION

Can the Minister advise how the work of the Family Responsibilities Commission is helping to improve the lives of residents in the four communities where the Commission operates?

### ANSWER

The Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) operates in Aurukun, Hope Vale, Mossman Gorge and Coen, and is a key part of the Cape York welfare Reform Trial (the Trial). The FRC has been operating since 2008, and subject to the enactment of the Family Responsibilities Commission Amendment Bill 2012, will continue to operate until 31 December 2013.

The objectives of the FRC, set out in the *Family Responsibilities Commission Act 2008*, are to support the restoration of socially responsible standards of behaviour and local authority in Trial communities, and to help people in those communities to resume primary responsibility for the wellbeing of their community and the individuals and families of the community.

The first phase of an independent evaluation of the Trial (the Evaluation) was an Implementation Review of the Family Responsibilities Commission in 2010. This report found that the FRC appears to be contributing to restoring local authority by empowering and supporting local and emerging leaders in the form of Local FRC Commissioners. In particular the report referred to Local Commissioners making important decisions, modelling positive behaviours and expressing their authority outside of the operations of the FRC.

The report also stated that the FRC was progressing towards its objectives and that there were opportunities to further enhance its effectiveness.

Consultations were conducted with key stakeholders in each of the four Trial communities and with government and other stakeholders in June 2012, in preparation for the Queensland Government's consideration of a possible extension of the FRC for the calendar year 2013. The consultations found a commonly held view that the Trial, including the FRC, has had a positive effect on the behaviour of community members, and communities being "quieter" than before the Trial commenced. The Trial has been regarded by many as a key driver for improved school attendance and school readiness.

Most stakeholders consulted commented that people knew the FRC could assist in addressing their problems and some were even actively seeking Trial-related support outside the formal FRC process.

The Queensland Government is awaiting the long overdue final report of the Evaluation. The final report was originally due before the end of 2011. It is now anticipated for completion in November 2012. The Evaluation is costing the Queensland and Australian governments a total of \$1.7 million (\$850,000 each) and is being overseen by the Australian Government.



## **Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice**

**No. 10**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### **QUESTION**

Can the Minister please outline the composition of the new funding arrangements for the Family Responsibilities Commission, and how it might influence service delivery?

### **ANSWER**

For the proposed 2013 calendar year extension of the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC), the Queensland Government will be contributing \$1.6 million (\$0.8 million in 2012–13 and \$0.8 million in 2013–14) to the operating costs of the FRC, with the Australian Government undertaking to meet the balance of the FRC operating costs.

This is the amount requested by the Federal Government by letter from Minister Jenny Macklin in May 2012, when she wrote to the Premier, formally requesting that Cape York Welfare Reform Trial (the Trial) be extended for an additional 12 months. The letter included a specific request that the Queensland Government contribute \$1.6 million to fund the operations of the FRC for the 2013 calendar year.

The Australian Government is yet to commit to an actual monetary amount. The annual FRC budget is approximately \$4.34 million.

As a result, the Queensland Government contribution to the operating costs of the FRC for 2013 will be less than its contribution for previous years (of approximately \$3 million per annum), and the Australian Government's contribution will increase.

There will be no effect on the operation of the FRC in the calendar year 2013 as a result of the new funding arrangements.

The FRC is an integral part of the Trial. The proposed extension of the FRC will also include a continuation of a number of, but not all, services in the four communities associated with the Trial—including services which the FRC rely on for referral purposes such as the Parenting Program, and the Ending Family Violence Program.

The 2013 extension of the Trial has a specific Queensland Government budget allocation of \$5.65 million (including the \$1.6 million contribution to the operation of the FRC).

## Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice

No. 11

Asked on 28 September 2012

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### QUESTION

I refer to page 84 of Budget Paper 2 of the 2012–13 Budget. Will the Minister advise how many positions (broken down by permanent, temporary, casual and contract) have been abolished since 26 March 2012 in the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs, listed by job title, salary level and location and/or departmental region?

### ANSWER

Details on the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs (DATSIMA) positions abolished since 26 March 2012 are detailed in the tables below.

#### Position Reductions—DATSIMA

Casual	0
Contract	3
Permanent	26
Temporary	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>

Position Title	Position Type	Pay Scale	Location
Senior Program Officer	Temporary	AO6	Brisbane
Manager	Temporary	AO8	Brisbane
Manager	Temporary	AO8	Brisbane
Principal Policy Officer	Temporary	AO7	Brisbane
Manager	Permanent	AO8	Brisbane
Senior Policy Officer	Temporary	AO6	Brisbane
Principal Policy Officer	Temporary	AO7	Brisbane
Principal Policy Officer	Temporary	AO7	Brisbane
Principal Policy Officer	Temporary	AO7	Brisbane
Director	Temporary	SO	Brisbane
Policy Officer	Temporary	AO5	Brisbane
Principal Policy Officer	Temporary	AO7	Brisbane
Policy Officer	Temporary	AO5	Brisbane
Project Officer	Temporary	AO5	Brisbane
Manager	Temporary	AO8	Brisbane
Executive Secretary	Temporary	AO3	Brisbane

<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Position Type</b>	<b>Pay Scale</b>	<b>Location</b>
Executive Director	Contract	SES2	Brisbane
General Manager	Contract	SES2	Brisbane
Senior Policy Officer	Permanent	AO6	Brisbane
Principal Policy Officer	Permanent	AO7	Brisbane
Manager	Permanent	AO8	Brisbane
Administration Officer	Permanent	AO3	Brisbane
Principal Archaeologist	Permanent	PO5	Brisbane
Manager	Permanent	AO8	Brisbane
Manager	Permanent	AO8	Brisbane
Director	Permanent	SO	Brisbane
Manager	Permanent	AO8	Brisbane
Manager	Permanent	AO8	Brisbane
Manager	Permanent	AO8	Brisbane
Director	Permanent	SO	Brisbane
Director	Permanent	SO	Brisbane
Regional Director	Contract	SES2	Cairns
Project Support Officer	Permanent	AO3	Cairns
Principal Project Officer	Permanent	AO7	Cairns
Project Officer	Permanent	AO5	Townsville
Communications Officer	Permanent	AO4	Brisbane
Senior Communications Officer	Permanent	AO6	Brisbane
Executive Secretary	Permanent	AO3	Brisbane
Assistant Exec Services Officer	Permanent	AO4	Brisbane
Administrative Officer	Permanent	AO2	Brisbane
Manager	Permanent	AO8	Brisbane
Senior Policy Officer	Permanent	AO6	Brisbane
Graduate Officer	Permanent	AO3	Brisbane
Administration Officer	Permanent	AO3	Brisbane

- 14 permanent positions have been abolished after officers have either accepted a Voluntary Redundancy (12) or have been registered as an Employee Requiring Placement (2).
- Other permanent positions abolished have been vacant.
- 3 Senior Executive Officer positions have been abolished.



# Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice

No. 12

Asked on 28 September 2012

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

## QUESTION

I refer to table 5.4 on page 88 of Budget Paper 2, which shows a decrease in current grants funding by the Queensland Government in 2012–13. Will the Minister list all grant funding allocations that have been cut by the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs for local governments, non-government and community organisations and projects in the 2012–13 State Budget, listed in the same format as used by the Health Minister in response to Question on Notice 445?

## ANSWER

Grant funding allocations that have been reduced by the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs include:

Organisation	Project	2011–12 Funding (\$ Exc GST)	End Date
Local Government Association of Queensland	Local Area Multicultural Partnerships coordination	\$123,191	Cease on 31 December 2012
Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland	Community Action for a Multicultural Society coordination	\$124,797	Cease on 31 December 2012
Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland	Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland	\$169,694	Reduce by 50 per cent on 31 December 2012
National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters	NAATI translators/interpreters	\$179,000	Reduce by \$85,000
Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	Local Indigenous Partnership Agreement	0	One-off grant paid in 2008–09. Unspent funds were returned in May 2012.
Mornington Shire Council	Local Indigenous Partnership Agreement	0	One-off grant paid in 2010–11. Unspent funds were returned in September 2012.
Yarrabah Aboriginal Council	Local Indigenous Partnership Agreement	0	One-off grant paid in progress payments in 2009–10 and 2010–11. Unspent funds will be returned during 2012–13.

**Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice**

**No. 13**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

**QUESTION**

I refer to Schedule 2 in the *Appropriations Bill 2012*, outlining the 2012–13 funding allocation for the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs. Will the Minister list every work unit, branch and/or division that has been abolished with the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs, and the number of staff positions contained within each abolished work area, as part of the process of developing the 2012–13 State Budget?

**ANSWER**

The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs did not abolish any work units, branches or divisions as part of the process of developing the 2012–13 State Budget.

## **Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice**

**No. 14**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### **QUESTION**

I refer to pages 4 and 11 of the SDS. Will the Minister outline how he will achieve his Department's goals such as 'develop an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment/economic development strategy', whilst reducing the proposed number of Ministerial Indigenous Roundtables, which provide an opportunity to progress initiatives and to improve service delivery?

### **ANSWER**

I am committed to consulting and working in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including the Mayors from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Councils, in achieving the goals of the Department.

While the formal Ministerial Indigenous Roundtables are not continuing in their current format, we are committed to working across the Queensland Government to improve front-line service delivery by meaningfully engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

I, and other Ministers, have met with the Mayors from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Shire Councils a number of times since I became Minister, including forums hosted by the Local Government Association of Queensland and stand-alone meetings organised by the Department to discuss matters of importance.

I recently met with the Mayors on 3 October 2012 to discuss the review of the Alcohol Management Plans and I am meeting again with the Mayors on 23 October 2012 at the annual conference of the Local Government Association of Queensland.

I and senior officers from the Department also meet regularly and consult with a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members and organisations from across the State to discuss ways to improve the delivery of services and improve education, health and employment outcomes.

In fact this Government wants to transform our approach in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs in Queensland by promoting genuine relationships and focussing on economic advantage rather than social disadvantage, which has been the historical approach of previous governments.

The Department is currently developing a Queensland Government Cultural Capability Framework which will include best-practice approaches for departments to deliver effective, efficient and culturally responsive services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Queensland. The framework will embed effective engagement and consultation approaches across the key activities of departments and make it part of core business rather than a separate program or initiative.

The Department, centrally and through our regional officers, is currently engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members from across the State to identify ways to maximise employment and economic development opportunities. This is part of the Department's regular and ongoing community engagement with the broad Aboriginal and



Torres Strait Islander community as increasing employment opportunities and strengthening local economies are repeatedly identified as key priorities by most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders across the State.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander economic participation framework is still in its early stages of development but consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members is critical. Consultation will include the Mayors from the Aboriginal and Shire Councils and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members and organisations from across the State, including Brisbane, Logan, Rockhampton and Mt Isa, to work out how to make the most of future employment and economic development opportunities.

**Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice**

**No. 15**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

**QUESTION**

I refer to page 3 of the SDS. The previous Government signed the Closing the Gap Statement of Intent as part of the broader COAG Reform Agenda in 2008. Will the Minister state whether or not the Government has formally re-committed to the agenda?

**ANSWER**

The Queensland Government remains a signatory to both the Queensland Close the Gap Statement of Intent signed on 29 April 2008 and the National Indigenous Reform Agreement endorsed by the Council of Australian Governments in November 2008 which encapsulates the wider Closing the Gap targets.

## Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice

No. 16

Asked on 28 September 2012

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### QUESTION

I refer to page 26 of Budget Paper 4. Will the Minister outline which grant sponsorships and events programs will be cut, by name, activity type and figure and how the Minister intends to, “develop and implement social and economic initiatives to strengthen the capability of cultural groups, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities”, as stated on page 3 of the SDS, in light of these cuts?

### ANSWER

Savings measures for grants, sponsorships and events include the following programs:

Program Name	Activity Type	Amount of Saving (\$,000)	
		2012–13	2013–14
Local Indigenous Partnership Agreement (LIPA)	Grant	200	0
Multicultural Queensland Partnerships Program	Grant	500	500
Local Area Multicultural Partnerships (LAMP)	Grant	125 <sup>1</sup>	125
Community Action for a Multicultural Society (CAMS)	Grant	125 <sup>1</sup>	125
Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland	Grant	85 <sup>1</sup>	85
Premier's Multicultural Photographic Awards	Event	60	60
Partnerships	Grant	350	350
Partnerships Qld Enhancement Fund	Grant	100	100
Queensland Multicultural Festival	Event	100	100
Interpreter Scholarships	Program	50	50
Anti-racism campaign	Program	125	125
National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters	Sponsorship	85	85
Ministerial Task Forces	Program	165	65
Communications and publications	Program	100	100
		<b>2,170</b>	<b>1,870</b>

<sup>1</sup> In response to requests from the organisations concerned, the Department has agreed to meet the costs of these programs up to 31 December 2012 from the broader DATSIMA budget in order to provide an appropriate adjustment period.

The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs (DATSIMA) will develop and implement social and economic initiatives to strengthen the capability of cultural groups, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities through the following:

- The Cape York Welfare Reform Trial has been extended for the 2013 calendar year. The extension of the Trial will build on progress made to date, and will include a new governing board, (now known as the CYWR Advisory Board) with membership to include one community member from each of the four trial communities of Aurukun,



Coen, Hope Vale and Mossman Gorge. The objectives of the Trial are to restore social norms and local authority; and change behaviours in response to chronic levels of welfare dependency, social dysfunction and economic exclusion. To date, it has been reported that the Trial has had some positive effect on reducing school absenteeism. The Government has provided \$2.5 million for funded support services including:

- Business Development Officers in Aurukun and Hope Vale.
  - A refurbishment of the retail precinct in Hope Vale.
  - Ending Family Violence programs in all communities.
  - Aurukun sewing centre project.
  - Aurukun Village Opportunity Hub.
  - Hope Vale emerging businesses.
  - Women's Enterprise Development Facilitator in Hope Vale.
  - Cultural language program in all communities.
  - FRC additional sittings in Aurukun.
  - Community and Municipal services in Mossman Gorge.
- As part of the Learning Earning Active Places (LEAP) strategy, on-the-ground practical community projects are being delivered to respond to local priorities identified by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members in urban and regional areas. The projects are developed and delivered in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members, including Elders, traditional owners and non-government organisations.
  - During 2011-12, the LEAP strategy delivered 164 community-based projects to improve education, employment, health and housing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in urban and regional areas.
  - Many of the community projects were small in scale, however, they are achieving results as the projects respond to local issues and priorities identified by community members. The active involvement of community members has resulted in greater ownership and the strengthening of capability by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members.
  - Developing a whole-of-government Framework to build on the capability of government agencies to provide more effective, efficient and responsive services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.
  - A key element of the framework will be an engagement strategy that provides a consistent approach to effective and respectful engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
  - Our commitment to "work with Indigenous councils to implement their community plans" for my Portfolio in the Queensland Government's Six Month Action Plan, July–December 2012 by:
    - establishing which community planning mechanism they wish to use;
    - identifying priorities to meet their emerging community issues; and
    - monitoring, facilitating and assisting coordination of whole-of-government contributions to meet agreed community priorities.

- Multicultural Affairs Queensland supports the Government commitment to grow a four pillar economy and to revitalise frontline services for families by ensuring people from diverse backgrounds equally access, participate in and contribute to Queensland's growth and lifestyle. This is done by:
  - Leading the development, review and implementation of Queensland's multicultural policy and agreed actions, setting the strategic direction and fostering positive outcomes for Queensland's diverse communities
  - Supporting growth of strong multicultural communities by administering initiatives which promote multiculturalism, including the Multicultural Queensland Partnerships Program, Local Area Multicultural Partnerships (LAMP) and Community Action for a Multicultural Society (CAMS). Through LAMP and CAMS, the Government funds local councils and community organisations to employ workers dedicated to supporting the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse Queenslanders. LAMP and CAMS workers achieve results for multicultural communities right across Queensland, with workers based as far south as the Gold Coast and as far north as Cairns.
  - Fostering positive community relations and intercultural cohesion for an increasingly diverse and growing population through delivery of initiatives which promote and celebrate Queensland's cultural diversity and heritage. This includes introducing a new Queensland Multicultural Week and commemorating the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first South Sea Islanders brought to Queensland as labourers in 1863.
  - Fostering greater cohesion and accountability across government and improved stakeholder engagement to ensure programs and initiatives address genuine community needs.

**Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice**

**No. 17**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

**QUESTION**

I refer to page 25 of Budget Paper 4. Will the Minister outline why there is no projected funding in the forward estimates for the Cape York Tenure Resolution Program?

**ANSWER**

The Government has approved the continuation of the Cape York Peninsula Tenure Resolution Program.

This Government has allocated \$3.8 million in limited life special funding in 2012-13 to the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs (DATSIMA) for this program. This is additional to approximately \$1.2 million in recurrent funding for the program, which will transfer to DATSIMA from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection during 2012-13.

The level of any additional funding for 2013-14 onwards will be considered as part of the 2013-14 budget process.

This Government is continuing to work with Aboriginal people on this program, to improve economic and environmental outcomes for the people of the Cape York Peninsula region.



## Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice

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Asked on 28 September 2012

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### QUESTION

I refer to page 5 of the SDS. I ask will the Minister advise what the timeframes are for the Government to implement the legislative requirements of the *Queensland Multicultural Policy: A Multicultural Future for All of Us*?

### ANSWER

The Queensland Multicultural Policy, *A Multicultural Future for All of Us* (the Policy) included an action to:

“Strengthen leadership and accountability by developing legislation to recognise this policy’s multicultural principles, planning and reporting arrangements.”

A Multicultural Recognition Bill 2011 was tabled in the previous Parliament in October 2011. However, the previous Government didn’t give the Bill sufficient priority to bring it on for debate in the Chamber. It, therefore, lapsed when the 53<sup>rd</sup> Parliament was dissolved.

On 23 August 2012, Ms Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, the Leader of the Opposition and Member for Inala, introduced the Multicultural Recognition Bill 2012 as a Private Member’s Bill. The Bill was then referred to the Health and Community Services Committee for examination and report back to the Parliament by 23 October 2012.

The Government will then consider the Health and Community Services Committee’s report and any recommendations made by the Committee.

## Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice

No. 19

Asked on 28 September 2012

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### QUESTION

I refer to page 26 of Budget Paper 4. I ask will the Minister list the programs and organisations that have had their funding cut or reduced since March 2012. This includes grant sponsorships and events programs.

### ANSWER

Savings measures for grants, sponsorships and events include the following programs and organisations:

Program Name	Organisation
Local Area Multicultural Partnerships (LAMP)	Funding to the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) for a LAMP coordinator position will cease on 31 December 2012.
Community Action for a Multicultural Society (CAMS)	Funding to the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland (ECCQ) for a CAMS coordinator position will cease on 31 December 2012.
Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland	Core funding to the Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland will reduce by 50 per cent from 31 December 2012.
NAATI translators/interpreters	National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters. Additional funding was provided in 2011–12, the 2012–13 contribution will revert back to the previous annual contribution.
Local Indigenous Partnership Agreement (LIPA)	Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council, Mornington Shire Council and Yarrabah Aboriginal Council—return of unspent funds.
Partnerships	Unallocated
Partnerships Qld Enhancement Fund	Unallocated
MAQ Partnership Grants	Unallocated
Multicultural Photographic Awards	Unallocated
Multicultural Festival	Unallocated
Interpreter Scholarships	Unallocated
Anti-racism campaign	Unallocated

## **Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice**

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**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### **QUESTION**

I refer to page 5 of the SDS. I ask will the Minister advise how much funding will go towards the Queensland Multicultural Festival in 2012–13 and how much the festival received in 2011–12?

### **ANSWER**

The 2011–12 base budget for the one day Queensland Multicultural Festival in Brisbane was \$250,000.

The 2011 overspend on the festival was approximately \$60,000. Coupled with this significant overspend, attendance numbers at the Queensland Multicultural Festival declined in 2011.

The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs has indicated that, if the one day festival in Brisbane were to continue, it would require additional funding, which simply is not available.

I was also concerned that a one-day event held in Brisbane does not do full justice to the rich multicultural heritage right across Queensland.

In 2013 the Queensland Government will introduce a different format of multicultural festival that runs over a week-long period and increases opportunities for people in regional areas to celebrate Queensland's unity in diversity.

The new format will give greater ownership of the festival to the community and the multicultural sector, providing increased opportunities for community groups to become involved in delivering local events, including regional events, to promote multiculturalism as a positive and valuable resource for Queensland.

The Multicultural Queensland Partnerships Program annual grants round for 2013 also includes a Week Long Festivals category for the first time.

Events celebrating the new Queensland Multicultural Week in September 2013 are a new funding category in the annual grants round. Organisations have been invited to apply for grants funding of up to \$10,000 in the Week-Long Festivals category.





## Questions taken on Notice at Hearing and Responses

## Estimates Hearing—Question on Notice

Asked on 17 October 2012

The Member for Rockhampton as part of THE HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs and Minister Assisting the Premier (MR ELMES)—

### QUESTION

Minister to provide a list of multicultural events and dates that he has attended since his appointment as responsible Minister

and

a list of multicultural events that the Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs has attended and dates since his appointment as Assistant Minister assisting the Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

### ANSWER

I have attended multicultural events since my appointment as follows:

- 5 May – Buddha's Birthday celebrations, Brisbane
- 20 May – Paniyiri Greek Festival, Brisbane
- 28 May – Europe Day reception, Brisbane
- 31 May – Philippine Independence Day reception, Brisbane
- 2 June – Citizenship Ceremony, Brisbane
- 9 June – Vedanta function, Corinda
- 13 June – German Ambassador, Brisbane
- 20 June – Czech Ambassador, Brisbane
- 4 July – Japanese Ambassador, Brisbane
- 9 July – Australia Singapore Chamber of Commerce, Brisbane
- 10 July – Afghan Ambassador, Brisbane
- 31 July – Irish Ambassador, Brisbane
- 4 Aug – Italian Chamber of Commerce, Brisbane
- 9 Aug – ECCQ Breakfast, Brisbane
- 25 Aug – Central Highlands Multicultural Festival, Emerald
- 7 Sep – Mt Isa Multicultural Festival, Mt Isa
- 25 Sept – Swiss Ambassador, Brisbane
- 26 Sept – Queensland-Japan Networking reception, Brisbane
- 8 Oct – Taiwan National Day celebration, Brisbane
- 10 Oct – Thai Ambassador, Brisbane
- 16 Oct – Gulf States Reception, Brisbane

The Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs advises me that he has attended multicultural events since his appointment as follows:

- 14 Apr - Italian Event, Brisbane
- 20 Apr - Multicultural Council Awards, Brisbane
- 23 Apr - Brisbane Multicultural Arts Centre function, Brisbane
- 4 May - Luncheon - Nigeria Ambassador, Brisbane
- 6 May - Feast of The Three Saints, Silkwood
- 9 May - Italian Event, Brisbane
- 10 May - French Festival Event, Brisbane



12 May - Islamic Council Event, Brisbane  
18 May - Brisbane German Club event, Brisbane  
20 May - Greek Festival Event, Brisbane  
20 May - African Day Event, Brisbane  
21 May - ECCQ event, Brisbane  
23 May - Italian Event, Brisbane  
25 May - Taiwanese event, Brisbane  
25 May - Italian Week event, Brisbane  
26 May - Brisbane Abruzzo Association Foundation Day, Brisbane  
1 Jun - Anniversary Foundation of the Republic of Italy reception, Brisbane  
2 Jun - Moroccan event, Brisbane  
3 Jun - The Italian National Day celebration, Brisbane  
8 Jun - Lantern Parade Walk for Refugees 2012, Brisbane  
9 Jun - 2012 Samoan Independence celebration, Brisbane  
20 Jun - Ambassador of the Czech Republic luncheon, Brisbane  
21 Jun - BBQ with Korean delegation, Brisbane  
24 Jun - MDA World Refugee Community Festival, Brisbane  
26 Jun - Taipei Economic & Cultural Office dinner, Brisbane  
4 Jul - Tamil Association of Queensland meeting, Brisbane  
4 Jul - Anniversary of the Independence of the USA, Brisbane  
7 Jul - Chief Minister of India meeting with Lord Mayor, Brisbane  
8 Jul - Greek Orthodox Community Annual Dinner, Brisbane  
9 Jul - Australian Singapore Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Brisbane  
9 Jul - Citizenship ceremony, Brisbane  
23 Jul - Ambassador of Spain Luncheon, Brisbane  
28 Jul - Italian Festival, Ingham  
4 Aug - Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry Annual Dinner, Brisbane  
6 Aug - National MyLanguage conference, Brisbane  
8 Aug - Multicultural Centre of USQ meeting, Brisbane  
9 Aug - ECCQ Breakfast with Minister Glen Elmes, Brisbane  
11 Aug - Tibetan Education Fund's Trivia Night 2012 , Brisbane  
12 Aug - Celebration of the India Day Fair & Indian Independence Day, Brisbane  
15 Aug - 65th Anniversary of India's Independence Day function, Brisbane  
25 Aug - Eidfest 2012 Festival Official Opening, Brisbane  
28 Aug - Lunch with Indian High Commissioner, Brisbane  
29 Aug - Israeli Film Festival 2012, Brisbane  
30 Aug - Taipei Economic and Cultural Office Brisbane, Brisbane  
3 Sep - India House book launch, Brisbane  
4 Sep - Ambassador of Thailand Luncheon, Brisbane  
5 Sep - On the Same Wave Water Safety event, Brisbane  
9 Sep - Metropolitan Day Event, Brisbane  
20 Sep - Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry luncheon, Brisbane  
22 Sep - Citizenship Ceremony, Brisbane  
22 Sep - Taiwanese event, Brisbane  
23 Sep - Scandinavian Festival with the Danish Ambassador, Brisbane  
23 Sep - Moon Festival event, Brisbane  
26 Sep - Ambassador of Switzerland luncheon, Brisbane  
26 Sep - Qld-Japan Reception , Brisbane  
29 Sep - Islamic Council of Queensland Annual Awards and Dinner, Brisbane  
30 Sep - Chinese Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Event, Brisbane  
3 Oct - Day of German Unity Event, Brisbane  
4 Oct - Iranian Film Festival, Brisbane  
5 Oct - Taiwanese Events, Brisbane  
8 Oct - 101st National Day of the Republic of China, Brisbane  
10 Oct - Thai Ambassador to Queensland luncheon, Brisbane



12-Oct - German/Oktoberfest Event, Brisbane  
12-Oct - Philippine Mabuhay Festival, Brisbane  
13-Oct - Serenta Italiana Gala Evening, Brisbane  
16-Oct - BEMAC, Brisbane

I wish to point out to the Committee that many multicultural events in Brisbane occur at the weekend when I am in my electorate of Noosa. The Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs is Brisbane-based and, therefore, in a much better position to attend such events on behalf of the Government.

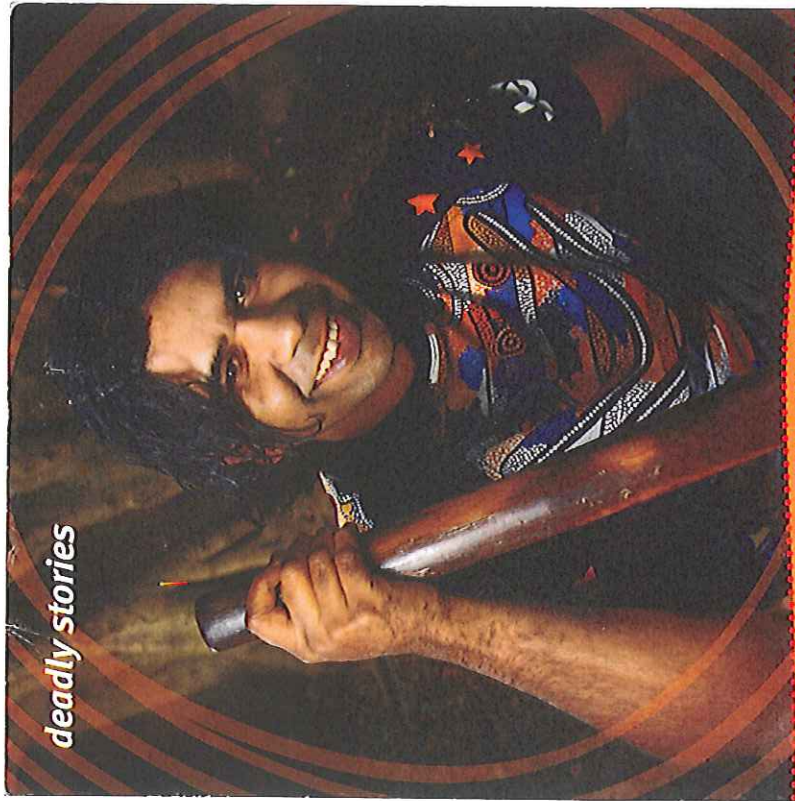
I have full confidence in the Assistant Minister's ability to represent me and the Government at these events, and in his capacity to relate to the multicultural sector and to make representations on behalf of specific cultural groups as necessary.



## Documents tabled at the hearing



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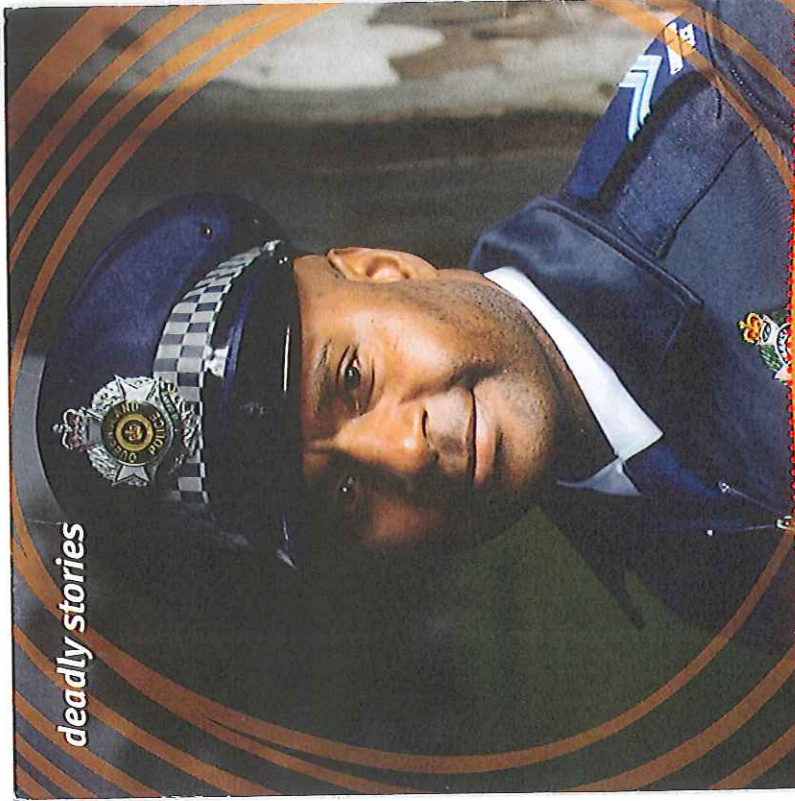


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My name is **Lyndon Davis**. I'm from the Mooloolah River on the Sunshine Coast — Gubbi Gubbi country. I operate the Gubbi Gubbi Dance Troupe and play the didgeridoo. I've performed for the Queen, the Dalai Lama and past prime ministers; but it would have meant more than anything to me to perform for my nan and uncles if they were here today.

I went to boarding school on a scholarship and had to overcome the challenges of leaving family and country to live with strangers for five years. When I finished school, I had jobs in cultural heritage, construction and youth work. Now I have my own business and deliver cultural awareness to schools near my home.

I'd describe myself as a big fig tree — a totem that was passed down to me by an Elder. It houses animals, provides food and shelter, has strong roots and is well grounded. I'm very driven to be a positive role model for the next generation.

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My name is **Richard Monaei**. I am of the Meriam Le, Nguarapai, Kaurareg and Mongoprang people.

I've never been afraid to step forward in life, and this has led to opportunities and success. I believe you can learn from your failures and use them to attain success. I encourage all my Indigenous brothers and sisters to 'take that one step forward'.

I am currently a senior recruiting officer in the Queensland Police Service (QPS). Becoming a police officer has fulfilled a childhood dream for me. Since joining the QPS I have been in the Specialist Response Branch and worked with the Indigenous Cadetship Program and the Crime and Misconduct Commission.

I hope to one day gain a senior executive policing role so I can create positive change on Indigenous issues.

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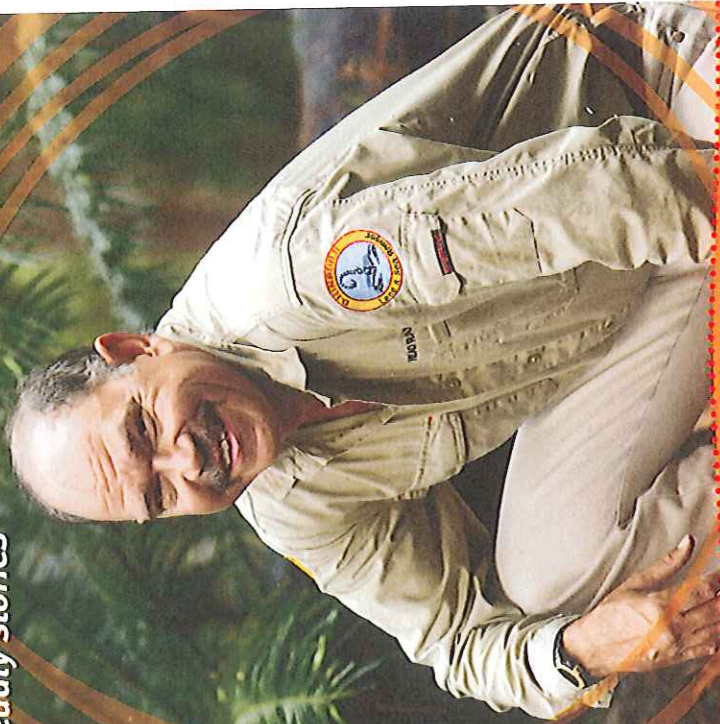
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*My deadly story is about  
building strong foundations.*



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My name is **Jimmy Richards**. I was born, and live, in Cairns. I grew up in Kuranda, spent a lot of time in my father's traditional country, and then worked in my mother's traditional country.

Before I became a ranger with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services on the Atherton Tablelands, I was a tour guide for nearly 10 years between Cape York and Undara. Now I'm lucky enough to work in the traditional country of my ancestors.

Some of my greatest accomplishments include working as one of the first Aboriginal Savannah Guides in Australia, being a Queensland finalist in the Australian Safer Community Awards, and receiving the Giringun Aboriginal Corporation Award for helping the community recovery effort.

I want to teach other rangers about Aboriginal culture while working to preserve our cultural heritage and homelands for future generations.

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My name is **Mark Dancey**. I was born in Barcaldine. My mother is a Bidjara woman; my father is a Kooma man.

Along with my wife I own the Barcaldine Post Office, but it hasn't always been this way.

I left school at 16 and worked in shearing for 23 years. When the shearing work slowed, I did whatever was available. At one stage I was a miner.

Eventually I came home to Barcaldine as an economic development officer. Then I was elected to the board of the former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

I am incredibly proud of implementing the first community development education programs in Barcaldine, Longreach and Winton, which achieved great outcomes for the local Indigenous communities. I then became a ranger with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services.

But truthfully, all I really want in life is to fulfil my role as a loving husband to my wife and to leave a legacy for my three beautiful children.

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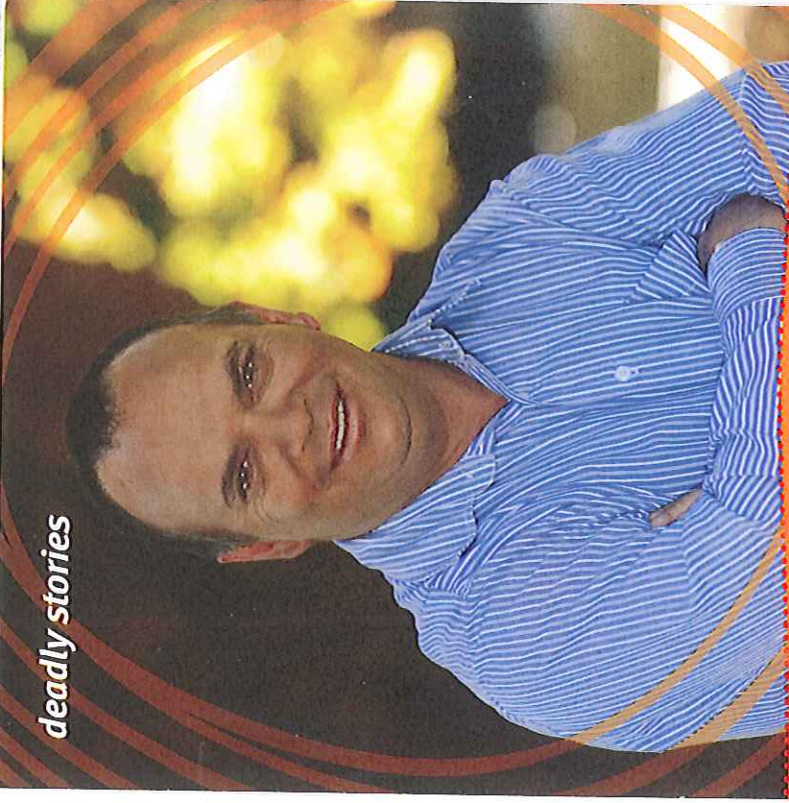
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*My deadly story begins  
with education.*



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My name is **Linda Biunaiwai**. I am a woman from the Mununjali clan from Beaudesert, part of the Yugambeh language region.

I am currently living on the Gold Coast and working as the Indigenous Programs Manager at Titans 4 Tomorrow. I moved out of home very young and didn't complete high school but the birth of my son inspired me to make a difference. Completing a university degree started my professional career and enabled me to work in positions that have a direct impact on my people. I am determined to make the most of every opportunity, learn something from every experience in life, and always represent my mob.

The world has so much to offer but you have to believe in yourself. I hope that I'm contributing to an environment of celebration and pride where my people are working together to achieve positive outcomes.

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My name is **Warren Waters** but where I'm from they know me better as Charlie. I'm a Kamilaroi man; born in Toowoomba and raised in St George.

School teachers and family had the most influence in my life. Their influence created pathways and took me from being school captain in 1989 to director of my own company in 2012.

My wife Sheree and I have a business that provides services ranging from cultural awareness to skills development for Indigenous sporting teams, youth, Elders and the mining industry to name a few. For more than 20 years I've been delivering cultural awareness and capability programs to build understanding in the wider community and support productive working relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

My motto is *always leave inspirational footsteps. Support those around you. Give more than expected. Challenge the challenges.*

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*My deadly story is where  
tradition meets today.*



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My name is **Jayde Geia**. My family comes from both Yarrabah near Cairns, and Moa Island in the Torres Strait. I grew up in Cairns and Brisbane and raised by my single mum.

Watching my family and friends get into trouble within the criminal justice system made me see how important it is for Indigenous people to work in law. I believe in social justice and the wellbeing of Indigenous people.

I was inspired to study law at university by my mum who graduated with a law degree and became a crown prosecutor.

Graduating with a Bachelor of Laws with honours in 2010 and being admitted as a solicitor in 2012 are my two greatest achievements so far. I am currently working as a Judge's associate in Cairns, but often travel on circuits to Innisfail, Cooktown and Brisbane.

My ultimate goal is to become a successful commercial lawyer.

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My name is **Bianca Bond**. I am a descendant of the Djala people from the Sunshine Coast. My culture is my passion and I'm dedicated to maintaining traditional values in contemporary times.

At 17 I moved to Sydney where I was confronted with many challenges. A head-on collision left me in a wheelchair. For 10 months I had to learn to talk, eat and walk, all while being a single mum of two. My struggles have created the strong, resilient woman I am today.

In 2010 I was honoured with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council's Young Citizen of the Year Award for my contribution to the local Indigenous community. I also played a key role in the development and endorsement of the council's Reconciliation Action Plan 2011.

Seeing the Aboriginal community strengthen and build relationships with each other and the non-Indigenous community is such incredible motivation.

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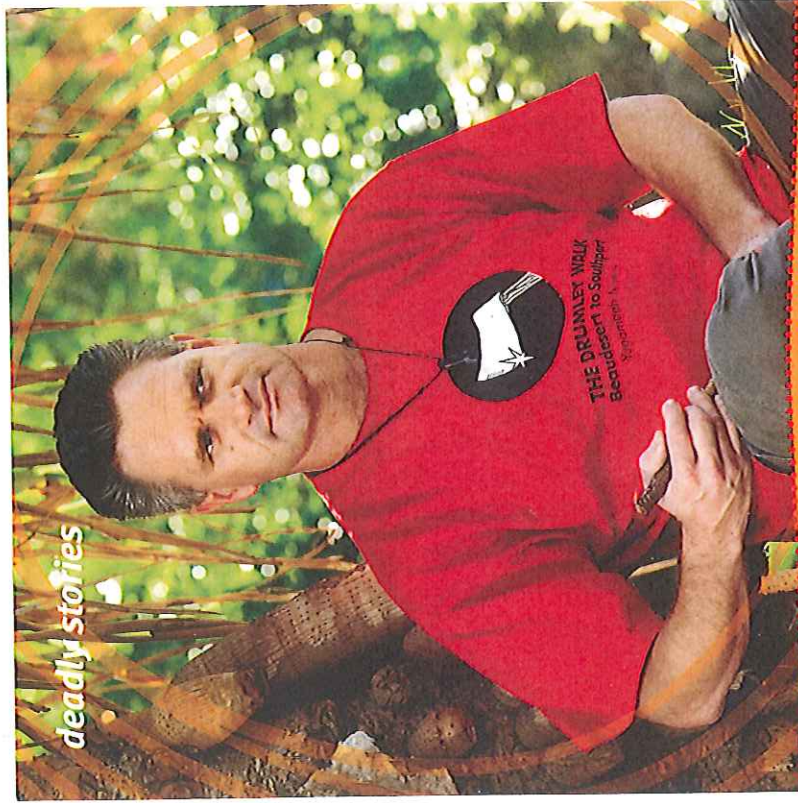
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*My deadly story stretches  
from Beaudesert to Southport.*



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*My deadly story is about  
connection to country.*



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My name is **Rory O'Connor**. I am of the Yugambeh people. My father is English/Irish and my mum is Aboriginal. I have a strong vision and passion for sharing the stories of my culture.

As a young boy, I remember Mum's stories about Uncle Drumley walking from her Beaudesert birthplace to her Southport home. Sometimes he would camp in the mountains. I remember thinking what an adventure it would be, to walk through country, sit up by a fire, then continue on to family and friends.

It was 30 years later before I completed the journey myself as a private show of recognition to a man who had a profound impact on the jarjums (children) he visited. Those jarjums are now my Elders and The Drumley Walk is repeated every year.

Around five years ago I started to work with my mum running the Yugambeh museum and keep the stories of our people alive. I'm now the Museum Director and working hard to tap into the Gold Coast tourism industry.

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My name is **Jamie Lovell**. I am a Waka Waka and Gubbi Gubbi woman and I live in Maryborough. My family, culture and land are a big part of my life.

My parents have always encouraged me to follow my passion. Since realising my true calling was to be a ranger, I have relished every opportunity to gain experience in this field. I have been part of the Green Army, a member of the local community justice group and I am now a member of a team helping to develop infrastructure for the Fraser Coast Wildlife Sanctuary.

I was fortunate to be given the opportunity to speak about sustaining strong connection to land and culture at a symposium in Vail, Colorado. It is an honour to be part of an international discussion about the very issues I am passionate about.

I want to show young people there is no shame in being proud. Just get out there...we're deadly in everything we do!

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*My **deadly story** is about giving  
back to my community.*



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## deadly stories

My name is **Aunty Pamela Law**. I am a Wakka Wakka woman from Mundubbera where my father worked on the weir and as a stockman.

Having lived in Eidsvold, Sydney and Brisbane's West End, in 1980, when I was expecting my second child, I moved to Inala.

All three of my boys went to Serviceton State School where I became a teacher's aide and president of the Aboriginal Student Support Parents Association committee and, with the help of another tutor, set up a homework centre.

I have helped to organise many local NAIDOC events over the years. I've always been community minded and attended community meetings. In 2002 I went to the Elders' Centre. First I became a board member, then secretary and now I'm the president.

I volunteer five days a week, 52 weeks a year from 9 am to 3 pm.

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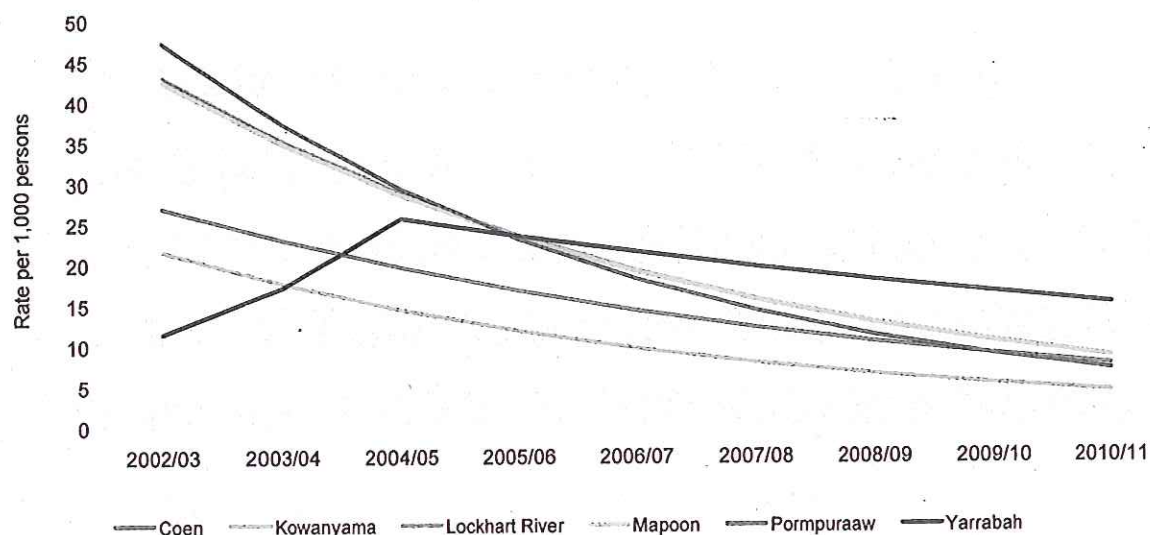
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## Hospital Admissions for Assault-Related Conditions

### Trends 2002/03 to 2010/11

An analysis of the overall trends in rates of hospital admissions for assault-related conditions for the years 2002/03 to 2010/11 shows evidence of positive changes occurring in seven communities (see Figure 1 and Table 2). Admission rates for residents of the communities of Coen, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Mapoon, Pormpuraaw and Wujal Wujal showed average reductions ranging from 14.6 to 24.5 per cent per year. Yarrabah experienced an increasing trend in hospital admission rates for assault-related conditions between 2002/03 and 2004/05, after which the rate declined gradually over the six years to 2010/11.

**Figure 1:** Trends for communities showing statistical evidence of change in hospital admissions for assault-related conditions — all admissions of residents, 2002/03 to 2010/11



**Note:** Wujal Wujal is not shown on this graph due to the relatively high rates in 2002/03 and 2003/04 distorting the scale of the graph.

**Source:** Queensland Hospital Admitted Patient Data Collection, unpublished data. Data from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 are preliminary and subject to change. Please read the technical notes prior to using these data.





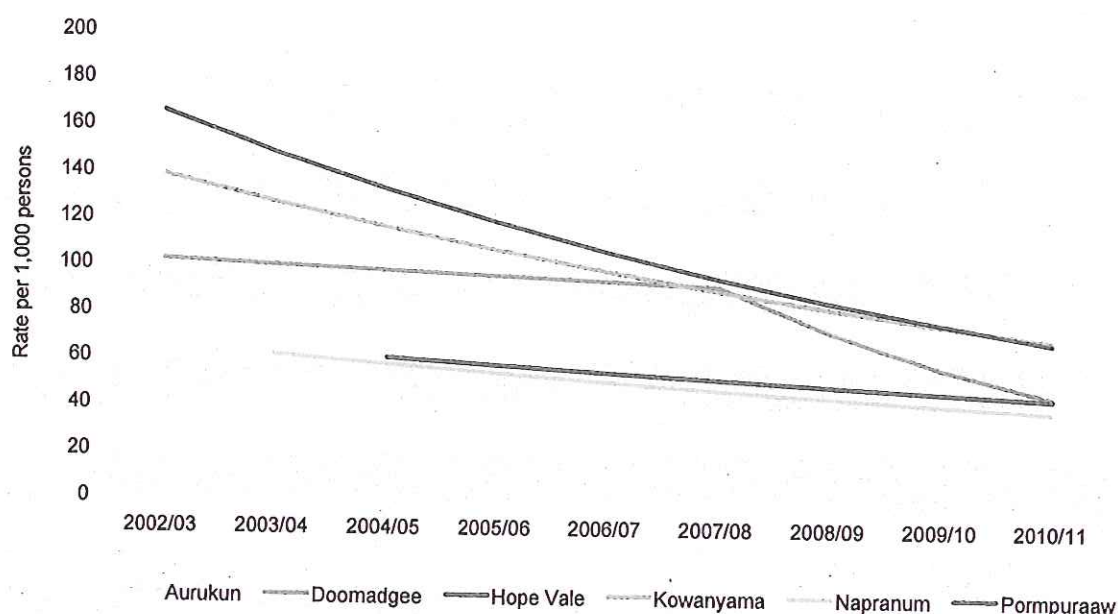
## Reported Offences Against the Person

### Trends 2002/03 to 2010/11

#### Annual Rate of Reported Offences Against the Person

An analysis of overall trends in the rates of reported offences against the person for the nine years 2002/03 to 2010/11<sup>6</sup> shows positive changes in six communities (see Figure 4 and Table 3). Offence rates in the communities of Aurukun, Doomadgee, Hope Vale, Kowanyama, Napranum and Pormpuraaw showed average annual reductions ranging from 5.0 to 21.1 per cent per year.

Figure 4: Trends for communities showing statistical evidence of a trend in all reported offences against the person



Source: Queensland Police Service, unpublished data. Please read the technical notes prior to using these data. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

Detecting overall trends in rates of reported offences against the person in some communities may be problematic due to the trend being heavily influenced by a single year's data. For example, the offence rate for serious offences in 2003/04 in Mapoon was the highest recorded during the reporting period. This rate is in contrast to declining rates reported in subsequent years and resulted in an overall decreasing trend (not statistically significant). More sophisticated analyses may be able to be undertaken after the collection of several more years' data.

Over the reporting period, there was no statistical evidence of a trend in the rates of reported offences against the person recorded for Cherbourg, Coen, Lockhart River, Mapoon, Mornington Island, Northern Peninsula Area, Palm Island, Woorabinda, Wujal Wujal and Yarrabah (see Figure 5 and Table 3).

6. In most communities, the reporting period covered by the trend analysis was for the nine years from 2002/03 to 2010/11. However, in some communities, the reporting period was shorter. Trend analysis for Aurukun, Coen, Mapoon, Napranum and Wujal Wujal covered the period 2003/04 to 2010/11 and for Hope Vale, covered the period 2004/05 to 2010/11. Please see specific community profiles and *Notes to Accompany Data: Reported Offences Against the Person* for further detail.

# Qld alcohol bans successful: Elmes

- by: *By Patrick Caruana*
- From: *AAP*
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**THE Queensland government says alcohol bans in remote indigenous communities have been successful but the current review is warranted.**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Glen Elmes is reviewing alcohol management plans (AMPs) in 19 indigenous communities.

The plans restrict or prohibit the sale and possession of alcohol, and carry penalties including jail time for breaches.

Before the election, Premier Campbell Newman said the plans had not been successful in reducing alcohol-related violence.

But Mr Elmes on Wednesday said there were signs the plans had worked.

"If you look at the evidence ... in most communities, you can see a reduction in crimes against the person, you can look at school attendance figures and see them on an upward slope," he told reporters in Cairns on Wednesday.

"The communities themselves are much calmer and more peaceful than they were some years ago."

Mr Elmes said the government was committed to a review but said it would be up to individual communities to decide on the future of the restrictions.

"We have had mayors ... saying they are happy with the complete prohibition of alcohol in their communities - well that's their decision," he said.

"There are others who say they want to transition away from the AMPs, that's their view.

"They will come back to me with a plan and a proposal that's signed off by the community, that the community is at peace with."

Earlier, the minister told ABC radio communities that wanted to ditch their alcohol management plans would have to show they could maintain public safety.

"So we'll need to be able to see evidence that crimes against the person are going down. We'll need to see that school attendance rates are going up," he said.

The laws are currently the subject of a High Court challenge, involving Palm Island woman Florence Morton, who was convicted of smuggling whiskey into the community in 2007.

The High Court will on Friday decide whether to grant leave to the challenge.





## Correspondence



Hon Glen Elmes MP  
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
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18 October 2012

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Dear Mr Dowling,

I am writing with reference to the Estimates' hearing of the Health and Community Services Committee held on Wednesday, 17 October 2012. I wish to clarify for the Committee a possible misinterpretation in a response I provided to the Committee during consideration of the appropriation for my portfolio of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs.

At page 23 of the transcript, at the end of the first line of the final paragraph of my third response, the form of words used by me could be interpreted as an incorrect statement. I was responding to a question about the Learning Earning Active Places (LEAP) program. My response includes the words "...no reduction in regional staffing."

I want to make it clear to the Committee that the response was referring specifically to regional LEAP staffing, not regional staffing generally. The issue of changes to regional staff positions for the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs was covered in response to Question on Notice No 11.

Yours sincerely,

**Glen Elmes MP**  
Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs  
Minister Assisting the Premier  
Member for Noosa



## Answers to Questions on Notice



**PRE-HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**ESTIMATES HEARING**

**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**NO. 1**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the Government's commitment to "*transfer a greater proportion of funding into frontline service delivery*" can the Minister detail the number of staff designated as either being clinical or health practitioners who accepted separation packages under the former Government's Voluntary Separation Program?

ANSWER:

The former Government, as part of its proposed restructure of Queensland Health and desire to create a "smaller organisation" initiated a Voluntary Separation Program in which it sent 3,976 expressions of interest to Queensland Health employees deemed surplus to requirements.

In response, 81 clinical and health practitioner stream staff accepted a package under the Program to 30 September 2012, including:

- 54 health practitioners, of which 38 were located in Corporate Office, seven at Queensland Health Scientific Services, three at Biomedical Engineering and Health Technology Service, one at Central Pharmacy and five in Hospital and Health Services at four different facilities;
- 20 clinical stream staff located in Corporate office comprising two medical, nine nurses and nine professional and technical; and
- seven clinical stream staff from Hospital and Health Services, including five nurses and two professionals.

**PRE-HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**ESTIMATES HEARING**

**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**NO. 2**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the Government's commitment to "transfer a greater proportion of funding into frontline service delivery" can the Minister detail the number of temporary staff who separated from Queensland Health in the past financial year?

ANSWER:

For the financial year ending 30 June 2012, 2,863.34 FTE of temporary staff (excluding executive contracts) separated from Queensland Health and have not been re-employed in any capacity. Of the total number, it should be noted that 2,151.92 separations or approximately 75 per cent, including 1,552.83 frontline staff, occurred under the former Labor Government. The table below provides a breakdown of the separations:

<b>Service Delivery Category</b>	<b>Clinical Category</b>	<b>1 July 2011 - 24 March 2012</b>	<b>25 March 2012 - 30 June 2012</b>	<b>Total Temporary Separations</b>
Frontline	Clinical Staff	624.99	230.71	855.70
	Resident Medical Officers	736.94	107.47	844.41
	Non Clinical Staff	190.90	90.34	281.24
Frontline Total		1552.83	428.52	1981.35
Non Front Line		599.09	282.90	881.99
<b>Total Separations</b>		<b>2151.92</b>	<b>711.42</b>	<b>2863.34</b>

**PRE-HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**ESTIMATES HEARING**  
**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**NO. 3**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the Breast Screen Program can the Minister please advise the number of screens it is anticipated will occur over the 2012-13 financial year across Queensland?

ANSWER:

In 2012/13, it is anticipated that 235,650 women will be screened by BreastScreen Queensland services. This is an increase of 6,917 women screened from the previous year.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in Queensland women with recent figures showing 2,769 women diagnosed and 484 dying from the disease in 2008.

Funding of \$45.7M has been allocated for BreastScreen Queensland in 2012/13. This includes:

- additional funding of \$1.02M to support an increase in activity in 2012/13;
- additional funding of \$0.5M to fund maintenance costs; and
- \$1.06M indexation funding for labour and non-labour costs.

Funding recovered from the sale of assets allegedly fraudulently acquired by a former Queensland Health employee, and included in funding figures above, has been allocated as follows:

- \$562,000 for an additional 3,835 screenings; and
- \$501,000 for the Picture Archiving and Communication System for storage, transfer and retrieval of images for the BreastScreen Queensland Program.

Every two years Queensland women aged 50 years to 69 years receive a letter to remind them to make a booking for a free breast screen by telephoning 13 20 50. While other women, over 40 years and 70 years or above can choose to participate and may also call to book a test, the screening program is specifically designed to target those aged 50 to 65 years as this is the age group most at risk of developing breast cancer.

Breast Screening services have been and continue to be delivered across Queensland through:

- 11 screening and assessment centres;
- 22 satellite services (screening only); and
- 7 mobile services, including a four wheel drive to deliver services to remote communities.



Service Agreements have been put in place with 11 host Hospital and Health Services (HHSs) to ensure that activity targets are clearly identified. A number of the larger HHSs provide geographical coverage to neighbouring HHSs, particularly in rural and remote parts of Queensland with each Service Agreement reflecting the funding allocated and the target number of women to be screened for the defined geographical area.

**PRE-HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**ESTIMATES HEARING**

**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**NO. 4**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the 2012-13 Budget commitment of *"ensuring health workers are provided with appropriate wages and conditions through negotiation of enterprise bargaining agreements"*, can the Minister outline the final outcomes of the pay rise agreed to with Queensland Health nurses, including those productivity and efficiency gains which form part of this agreement?

ANSWER:

The Nurses and Midwives (Queensland Health) Certified Agreement (EB7) 2009 expired on 31 March 2012. Agreement in principle for a replacement agreement was reached on 13 April 2012.

A ballot of employees was completed on 26 July 2012 with 94.3% approval.

The Nurses and Midwives (Queensland Health) Certified Agreement (EB8) 2012 was certified on 6 August 2012 and provided for the following:

- 3% per annum or \$30 per week wage rise, whichever is the greater;
- the agreement also increases the professional development allowance of 3% per annum;
- an increase to the Sunday night shift allowance from 20% to 25%;
- an increase to the Remote Area Incentive Payments of approximately 16% to attract nurses to remote areas;
- productivity savings includes a reduction of casual and agency nurses by improved workforce planning;
- more effective planning will also ensure nursing numbers are appropriate for the service delivery required;
- savings through nurse led models of care such as Criteria Led Discharge which will shorten stay times for patients and Hospital in the Home which will result in fewer patient admissions; and
- the savings will be monitored and reported by Queensland Health on a regular basis.

**PRE-HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**ESTIMATES HEARING**  
**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**NO. 5**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to maternal health services in Queensland, can the Minister outline any enhancements to such services anticipated to be delivered in the 2012-13 financial year?

ANSWER:

Queensland Health is on track to deliver the Government's commitment to give all mothers and babies the best possible start to life.

The Maternal and Child Health Service will build on, and revitalise, existing services currently available through Hospital and Health Services.

The enhanced service will provide access to two home visits at two and four weeks of age, and free clinic consultations at community centres at two, four, six to eight and twelve months of age.

The current service does not provide postnatal contact to the 30% of women who birth in private facilities; nor does it provide home visiting at four weeks of age.

Funding for the enhanced service will be rolled out over four years from January 2013 for a phased implementation of the enhanced service.

In the 2012-13 financial year, all Hospital and Health Services will be allocated funding to commence increasing access to home visits post birth to include all women, both public and private who birth in Queensland.

Once fully implemented, the enhanced service will deliver universal access (including post birth contacts and community child health services) to all women who birth in Queensland.



**PRE-HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**ESTIMATES HEARING**

**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**NO. 6**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to grants program administered by QH, can the Minister supply a list of grants either not extended or ended in the last financial year?

ANSWER:

The Queensland State budget has been severely compromised by the loss of its AAA credit-rating. In addition, Queensland, like other States, is changing its health system to meet the national health reform agenda. Health care decision making has been devolved to Hospital and Health Boards, health care cost efficiencies are being driven by the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority and Medicare Locals have been established through which preventative health activities and management are to be embedded and improvements made to accessing local primary healthcare services.

As such, Queensland Health is reviewing all State non-government grant funding to ensure that it does not duplicate the responsibility of the Federal Government, supports core clinical services and is value for money for Queensland tax payers.

The former Auditor-General, Glenn Poole, is leading a review of these funding arrangements and to recommend structures and systems that reflect the Government's needs and ensure suitable reporting and accountabilities.

Under the Department's Financial Management Practice Manual, grants and purchasing arrangements require contracts which nominate specific services and defined periods. In accordance with this, any future grants and purchasing arrangements will be subject to enhanced obligations, negotiated on a case by case basis.

I am particularly interested in ensuring that an evidence based approach is taken to all funding decisions considered by the Department. This approach will ensure that State funding is used more efficiently, does not duplicate Federal Government funding initiatives and is more appropriately directed to core acute and sub-acute clinical services.

Grants not extended or ended in the last financial year are listed in the attached table. Of note:

- 256 one-off and fixed term projects expired on or prior to 30 June 2012 and were not extended;

- 24 projects which expired on 30 June 2012 were given three months' wind-up funding and ceased on 30 September 2012;
- 39 projects which expired on 30 June 2012 were given three months' funding for further review and ceased on 30 September 2012; and
- funding responsibility for 34 grants was transferred to the Department of Communities during 2011-2012.

Organisation	Project Title	Paid 2011/12	End Date
<b>Projects which ended prior to 30 June 2012</b>		<b>256 Projects</b>	
Charters Towers Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Award - Winner - Healthy Queensland Awards 2011	\$50,000	30-Apr-13
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	One-off funding to undertake Food Advertisement Analysis	\$5,113	21-Nov-11
Yirs One Stop Youth Shop Inc	One-off project payment	\$2,265	30-Jun-12
Goori Original Ltd	One-off Infrastructure Funding	\$34,199	31-Dec-11
Goldbridge Rehabilitation Services Inc.	One-off payment for a Feasibility Study	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
The Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies Ltd	One-off rental assistance	\$29,276	30-Jun-12
Indigenous Wellbeing Centre Aboriginal Corporation	One-off Infrastructure Funding for Material Damage as a Result of Flooding	\$85,000	30-Jun-12
Deaf Children Australia	One-off funding for development of an Infant Sign Language Family Resource Kit	\$45,000	31-May-12
Diabetes Australia - Queensland	One-off payment for the patient Co-payment Needle and Syringes Program	\$114,326	30-Jun-12
Queensland University of Technology	One-off funding for QUT Australian Centre for Health Services Innovation	\$193,300	30-Jun-12
Queensland University of Technology	One-off funding for development and evaluation of a model for Assessment of Clinical Service Improvements	\$45,000	30-Jun-12
Dakabin State High School	One-off payment for Cultural Infusion Day	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
North Queensland Touch Assoc Inc	One-off payment for the North Qld All Schools Touch Championships 20-21 August 2011	\$1,655	30-Jun-12
Queensland Association For Healthy Communities	One-off payment for Event Funding	\$2,500	30-Jun-12
St Andrews Anglican College	Award - Highly Commended - Healthy Queensland Awards 2011	\$10,000	30-Jun-12
Department of Education and Training	Award - Highly Commended - Healthy Queensland Awards 2011	\$10,000	30-Jun-12
Ferny Grove State High School	Award - Highly Commended - Healthy Queensland Awards 2011	\$10,000	30-Jun-12
Jones Hill State School	Award - Highly Commended - Healthy Queensland Awards 2011	\$10,000	30-Jun-12
General Practice Queensland Ltd	One-off payment for Diabetes Connect: Evaluation	\$35,000	30-Jun-12
General Practice Queensland Ltd	One-off payment for Diabetes Connect: Resource Development	\$80,000	30-Jun-12
Central Queensland University	Award - Highly Commended - Healthy Queensland Awards 2011	\$10,000	30-Jun-12
Community Service Development Inc	One-off payment for Community Garden Project	\$4,545	30-Jun-12
University Of Queensland	One off Research Grant NHMRC Infrastructure - Chronic Kidney Disease	\$108,555	30-Jun-12
Sunrise Way Therapeutic Community Association Incorporated	One-off payment for assistance with Insurance Costs for the period 22/04/2011 to 22/04/2012	\$3,561	30-Jun-12
Department Of Communities	One-off project payment	\$2,102	30-Jun-12
Researcher	One-off payment for Brain Bank Research Brain Tumour and Cell Culture Bank	\$90,020	30-Jun-12
Queensland Association for Healthy Communities Inc	Funding to Investigate the efficacy of web based communication in prevention of HIV for high risk target group	\$40,000	30-Jun-12
Queensland University of Technology	One-off payment for PAH Research Support Project - Reducing Access Block	\$56,250	30-Jun-12
Beerwah State High School	One-off payment for NAIDOC day at Beerwah State High School	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Kungi Aboriginal Corporation	One-off payment for Cairns Carnival Information Stand	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Umi Arts Limited	One-off payment for event in Cairns in August 2010	\$4,545	30-Jun-12
Congress Community Development and Education Unit Limited	Payment for Transition House Aftercare	\$90,000	30-Jun-12



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Deadlee Maarders Association Inc	One-off payment for Leadership Project	\$14,800	30-Jun-12
Department Of Communities	Contribution to Queensland Sports Awards	\$73,455	30-Jun-12
Queensland Police Union of Employees	Funding for a 2012 Diary Advert - QLD Sexual Assault Services	\$1,655	30-Jun-12
Queensland Positive People Incorporated	One-off payment for 2011 World AIDS Day activities	\$35,000	31-Mar-12
BSI Learning Pty Limited	Sex Worker Employment Re-entry Program	\$168,674	31-Dec-11
The Good Foundation Pty Limited	One-off payment for the Ministry of Food Program - Mobile Outreach Centre	\$655,600	30-Jun-12
Gindaja Substance Misuse Aboriginal Corp	Queensland Indigenous Alcohol Diversion Program	\$249,600	30-Jun-12
General Practice Queensland Ltd	Payment for General Practice Support (GPAC)	\$149,971	30-Jun-12
General Practice Queensland Ltd	Funding for GP Representation - Statewide Cardiac Clinical Network	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
General Practice Queensland Ltd	Funding for General Practice Support (Clinical Networks)	\$68,000	30-Jun-12
The Trustee for Moovit Discretionary Trust	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Gympie	\$69,722	30-Jun-12
Stroke Association of Queensland Inc	Chronic Disease Self-Management Capacity Building	\$71,557	30-Jun-13
Goori Original Ltd	Goori House Addiction Treatment Centre	\$109,813	30-Jun-12
Queensland University of Technology	Contribution to Food Literacy and the Disadvantaged - Applied Research Project	\$25,000	31-Jan-12
Central Queensland University	Contribution to Information Technology and strategies to support lifestyle risk modification in middle aged men	\$70,000	15-Jun-12
Scholarship Holder 1	One-off payment for RBWH Research Advisory Committee Research Scholarship	\$10,000	30-Jun-12
Scholarship Holder 2	One-off payment for RBWH Research Advisory Committee Research Scholarship	\$15,000	30-Jun-12
Scholarship Holder 3	One-off payment for RBWH Research Advisory Committee Research Scholarship	\$53,598	30-Jun-12
Scholarship Holder 4	One-off payment for RBWH Research Advisory Committee Research Scholarship	\$46,668	30-Jun-12
Family Planning Queensland	Contribution to Correctional Facilities Education Project	\$130,000	30-Jun-12
Family Planning Queensland	Contribution to HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C & Sexual Health Educ & Training for Service Providers working with Youth	\$120,000	30-Jun-12
Family Planning Queensland	Contribution to Sexual Health Nursing Scholarship - Clinical Training Program	\$50,000	30-Jun-12
Family Planning Queensland	One-off payment to develop and distribute a DVD training resource	\$7,269	30-Jun-12
Family Planning Queensland	Reimbursement - Review of Sexual Health Clinical Guidelines	\$2,000	30-Jun-12
Family Planning Queensland	One-off payment for Sexual and Reproductive Health Nurse Endorsement Course	\$15,000	30-Jun-12
Griffith University	Payment for the Queensland Indigenous Alcohol Diversion Program - Parents Under Pressure Project	\$35,000	30-Jun-12
James Cook University	Infrastructure payment for James Cook University - Dental Clinic - Townsville Campus	\$10,000,000	30-Jun-12
James Cook University	Infrastructure payments for Dental Clinics - Cairns and Townsville	\$2,950,000	30-Jun-12
Queensland Aboriginal & Islander Health Council	Certificate III in Alcohol and Other Drug Work - Training for Indigenous health workforce	\$250,000	30-Jun-12
The Trustee for QLD Skin and Cancer Trust	Contributions for Specialist Dermatological Services	\$534,835	30-Jun-12
University of New South Wales	One-off payment for National HIV Seroconversion Study	\$23,471	30-Jun-12
University of Queensland	One-off payment for revision and update of course content	\$60,000	30-Jun-12
University of Queensland	One-off payment for Deadly Sex Congress Education and Training	\$30,000	30-Jun-12

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University of Queensland	One-off payment for evaluation of the Queensland Strategy for Chronic Disease 2005-2015 Milestones / Deliverables	\$66,480	30-Jun-12
Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd	Sexual Health Awareness Week	\$1,000	29-Feb-12
Advanced Employment - Auspicing Agreement	Mental Health Re-employment assistance program	\$76,212	30-Jun-12
AFL Cape York Ltd	Funding towards an open high school championship in Cairns as a lead up to the AFL game (Richmond vs Suns). Consists of involvement from local schools and encourages both male and female participation.	\$5,000	One off grant
Afl Cape York Ltd	AFL Club Assistance	\$10,000	30-Jun-12
Alcohol & Drug Foundation Qld	SSP Get Into Project Cherbourg, SSP Not Our Kids Longreach	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
An Indigenous Corporation For Townsville Youth	Youth Culture TVL	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Anglicare Central Queensland Ltd	Carnavon Gorge Youth Camp	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Assert Services Inc	Administering operating grant to the Consumer & Carer Participating Reference Group to provide services to consumers, carers, their families and the Mental Health Services, Toowoomba	\$23,250	30-Jun-12
Austraining International Pty Ltd	Donation towards volunteer expenses as per Australian Partner Organisation agreement	\$700	One off grant
Australian College Of Natural	Grant funding	\$582	31-May-12
Australian Indigenous Youth	Grant funding	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Australian Men's Shed Association	Sponsorship of Australian Men's Shed Conference	\$8,182	One off grant
Australian Red Cross Society	Contribution towards bone marrow donor centre	\$147,637	30-Jun-12
Balkanu Cape York Development	Corals Retreat - Pelican Program	\$4,545	30-Jun-12
Bamanga Bubu Ngadimunku Inc	Caring for Community Spirit program	\$4,025	Completed
Beyond Blue Limited	Mental Health depression support	\$645,086	One off grant
Biddi Biddi Community Advancement	Sports Day Atherton	\$4,545	30-Jun-12
Blackwater State High School	NAIDOC Sports Day	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Blue Care	Palliative domiciliary nursing service within the Innisfail Health Service area based on a quality management approach which includes compliance with the Standards for Providing Quality Palliative Care	\$80,000	30-Jun-12
Bond University	Chronic Fatigue Collaborative Research	\$9,121	30-Jun-12
Bowen State High School	Lets get the party started program	\$909	One off grant
Boystown	"Body Language" Project - Fostering resilience to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs through art	\$35,000	30-Jun-12
Bunyabilla Inc	SSP Indigenous Brisbane North Women's Summit	\$10,000	30-Jun-12
Burdekin Community Association Inc	Grant funding	\$1,895	Completed
Burdekin Shire Council	10,000 Steps Signs	\$31,766	Completed
Bynoe CACS Ltd	ATODS promoting health messages during local events including world sorry day, world no tobacco day and National reconciliation week.	\$10,000	Completed
Caboollure State High School	Grant funding	\$3,405	30-Jun-12
Cairns Central Oztag Sports	Sports Promotion Community	\$12,545	30-Jun-12
Cancer Council Queensland	Maintenance of Cancer registry	\$826,711	30-Jun-12
Cancer Council Queensland	2011 QUIT Partnership	\$4,353,636	30-Jun-12
Centacare Townsville	Exercise Program	\$909	30-Jun-12
Centacare Townsville	Exercise Program	\$4,860	30-Jun-12
Centacare Townsville	Exercise Program	\$4,545	30-Jun-12
Centre For Rural And Remote Mental Health - Queensland	Centre for Rural & Remote Mental Health grant	\$500,000	Completed
Chamber Of Commerce & Industry	Sponsorship of North West Youth Summit	\$909	30-Jun-12



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Charles Darwin University	Part of \$150,000 for nursing midwifery scholarship	\$4,800	30-Jun-12
Charleville & Western Areas	SSP Soccer Tournament Charleville	\$3,600	30-Jun-12
Charters Towers Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Funding for the Measure Up Program - Charters Towers	\$1,527	30-Jun-12
Children By Choice Association Inc.	Children By Choice	\$405,387	30-Jun-12
Chinchilla And District Amateur Fishing Club	Smoked Fish Competition Chinchilla	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Church of Christ	Grant funding	\$5,400	One off grant
Cooktown District Community	Tai Chi for falls prevention	\$435	30-Jun-12
Cooloolo Human Services Network	No Smoking Saddles Gympie	\$8,465	30-Jun-12
Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation	Sport and Cultural Tour Charleville	\$9,500	30-Jun-12
Deaf Children Australia	Sponsorship Health Deaf Minds Toru	\$45,000	30-Jun-12
Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association, Queensland Inc	Sponsorship - Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association Qld Inc	\$4,000	30-Jun-12
Dental Assistants Association Queensland Inc	Sponsorship - Dental Assistants Association Qld Inc	\$4,000	Completed
Department Of Communities	Grant funding	\$55,035	Completed
Department Of Health South Australia	Queensland funding towards NFC and AHMAC admin funding	\$9,945	Completed
Department Of Health State Government Of Victoria	Queensland contribution to web-based Prof Ed Pro AMHW	\$41,805	30-Jun-12
Department of Premier and Cabinet	Grant funding	\$4,064	Completed
Department of Premier and Cabinet	Contribution to the 2010 Science in Parliament Program	\$10,000	30-Jun-12
Drug Arm Australasia	Vox Box ATOD Project	\$24,645	30-Jun-12
Dunwich State School	Camp Quanamooka	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Dysart State High School	Lets get the party started program Dysart High School	\$909	Completed
Edmund Rice Education Australia	Grant funding	\$4,545	One off grant
Employee training	Operational services training and development education incentive fund	\$1,500	One off grant
Family Planning Queensland	Event Funding	\$1,320	29-Feb-12
Far North Queensland Rural Division Of General Practitioner	Measure Up Partnership Funds for Tai Chi	\$909	30-Jun-12
Flinders Shire Council	ACCR Flinders Shire Council Healthy Committed Pro, Swop it Program	\$4,500	30-Jun-12
Gai-Nami Arts Music Multicultural Sport And Recreation Inc	Event Support Program - Cultural Day Rosslea September 10	\$4,915	Completed
Gallang Place Aboriginal And Torres Islander Corp	Deadly Drum Circle South Brisbane	\$2,156	Completed
Getbranded	Cookbooks, Health Foods	\$920	30-Jun-12
Gindaja Treatment & Healing Indigeous Corporation	Blow it out your brass project and connecting to learning in Yarrabah projects	\$14,424	Completed
Girringun Aboriginal Corporation	Event Support Program - Sports Day	\$4,545	30-Jun-12
Girudala Community Co-Operative Society Ltd	Funding to support healthy lifestyle initiatives that are inclusive of all members of the Collinsville community (focusing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults and/or adults who are not employed full time), to participate in a range of physical activity, nutrition information and healthy lifestyle programs over a 12 week period challenge, while promoting and encourage Collinsville residents who are inactive to become active.	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Girudala Community Co-Operative Society Ltd	Vox Box and Clear Jam concert	\$6,450	One off grant
Gold Coast District Junior Rugby	SSP Academy of Sport Indigenous Rugby League program - Gold Coast & Cherbourg	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Good Beginnings Australia	Early Learning Programs	\$5,000	Completed
Goondir Aboriginal & Torres	SSP Goondir Health Check & Healthy Lifestyle Day Dalby	\$4,600	30-Jun-12



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Goondiwindi SILO	Safer venues project	\$2,500	Completed
Goondiwindi State High School	SSP Expressive Arts Week Goondiwindi	\$3,600	30-Jun-12
Griffith University	Australian Future Forensics Innovation Network (AFFIN)	\$234,143	30-Jun-12
Griffith University	Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital Physiotherapy Research Scholarship Tracking changes in scapular position in acute post-stroke hemiplegia patients	\$72,751	30-Jun-12
Griffith University	Part of \$150,000 for nursing midwifery scholarship	\$61,515	30-Jun-12
Gudjal Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation	Event Support Program - Style Up Charters Towers	\$4,545	30-Jun-12
Gurriny Yealamucka (Good Healing)	Dance Kombat, Swop it Program	\$4,990	30-Jun-12
Health Promotion Connections Inc	Bowen/Burdekin Challenge, Chat, Lunch and Listen Workshops, Swop it Programs	\$5,157	30-Jun-12
Hepatitis Queensland Inc	Promoting Art for Indigenous Health	\$74,916	30-Jun-12
Hinchinbrook Community Support	Come and Try Partnership Funds	\$1,818	30-Jun-12
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	Promoting Art for Indigenous Health , Gymnastics Equipment, Tai Chi for Balance, Fitness and Wellbeing, Zumba for older adults, Aquatic Centre activities, Active Adults Try Together program	\$42,839	30-Jun-12
Hope Vale Aboriginal Council	Back to country to learn about the country by participating and learning to resources the traditional way - Hunting, painting, fishing and life skills	\$2,497	One off grant
Hope Vale Healthy Sweethearts	WWOW Cultural Festival Hope Vale	\$2,727	30-Jun-12
Iceberg Events	Sponsorship second Annual Meeting of the Australasian Telehealth Society	\$18,182	One off grant
Inala - Pcyc	Australian Better Health Initiative Grant - Let's Get Active Project Better Living	\$4,715	30-Jun-12
Inala Primary Care Ltd	Commitment of Chronic Disease frequent & avoidable admissions funding in partnership with Inala Primary Care service and PAH Diabetes Service.	\$65,450	30-Jun-12
Inala Primary Care Ltd	Commitment of Chronic Disease frequent & avoidable admissions funding in partnership with Inala Primary Care service and PAH Diabetes Service.	\$115,467	30-Jun-12
Indigenous Job Connections	Grant funding	\$2,497	One off grant
Institute For Urban Indigenous	SSP Ipswich Jets Indigenous Appreciation Game, SSP Moving on Leadership Camp	\$14,545	30-Jun-12
Institute for Urban Indigenous Health Ltd	Morayfield Clinic Refurbishment	\$373,640	30-Jun-12
Ipswich Hospice Care Inc	Service Agreement between West Moreton Heath Service District and Ipswich Hospice Care Inc	\$50,000	30-Jun-12
Isa Outback Jumping Castle	Jumping castle hire	\$818	One off grant
James Cook University	Grant funding	\$596,394	30-Jun-12
James Cook University	Medical Officer - Research Grant	\$10,907	30-Jun-12
James Cook University	Part of \$150,000 for nursing midwifery scholarship	\$152,826	30-Jun-12
James Cook University	ACCR James Cook University Rheumatic Heart Proj SL	\$23,727	Completed
Kambu Medical Centre Ipswich Inc	Grant for Targeted Nutrition & Diabetes Services	\$48,000	30-Jun-12
Kanaka King's Boxing Club	CSP Promoting sport in community	\$2,177	Completed
Kangaroos Junior Rugby League	SSP Tassell Trophy Challenge	\$2,500	30-Jun-12
Kepnock State High School	SSP Closing the Gap - Sporting Event	\$7,657	30-Jun-12
Kingston Community Enterprises	SSP Fund Yugambah Cup Kingston	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Kowanyama Aboriginal Council	To employ a community support worker to provide a range of counselling and non clinical support services appropriate to the need of the community of Kowanyama for a holistic and integrated community based approach to demand reduction and harm reduction in substance misuse.	\$19,318	30-Jun-12
Kurtjar Aboriginal Corporation	Promote sporting events and opportunities in Normanton.	\$4,463	One off grant
Leukaemia Foundation Of Queensland	Patient Accommodation Grants Program	\$500,000	30-Jun-12

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Lifeline Ipswich And West Moreton	Grant to support counselling & support service	\$30,000	30-Jun-12
Lisha's Swim School	Replacement of swimming pool ropes	\$1,535	One off grant
Lockhart River Aboriginal Council	To employ a community support worker to provide a range of counselling and non clinical support services appropriate to the need of the community of Lockhart River for a holistic and integrated community based approach to demand reduction and harm reduction in substance misuse.	\$19,545	30-Jun-12
Mackay North State High School	Funding to develop and deliver Mackay North SHS Easter Fair - How's Your Game? It is difficult to engage young Indigenous people to learn about effects of smoking on their long-term health. This fun, interactive game, integrated in a Fair environment, is an ideal opportunity to deliver the smoke-free message, whilst participating in a physically active competition.	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Mackay Regional Council	ACCR Mackay Regional Council Completion of Data re	\$60,560	30-Jun-12
Mapoon Aboriginal Council	Grant funding	\$2,491	30-Jun-12
Mareeba Mothers & Midwives Alliance	Closing the GAP initiative - women's circle program	\$2,500	30-Jun-12
Mater Medical Research	Sponsorship for 14th Society Study Behavioural Research	\$9,091	One off grant
Mckinlay Shire Council	Health Promoting Measure Up Campaign Funding	\$4,545	Completed
Mental Illness Fellowship NQ	Tai Chi Program	\$2,000	30-Jun-12
Mereki Community Association Inc	SSP Fund Undumbi Festival Kippa Ring	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Meridan State College	SSP NAIDOC Celebrations Caloundra	\$3,550	30-Jun-12
Metropolitan North School	SSP Whichway Touch carnival	\$4,990	One off grant
Mibbinbah Limited	SSP Family Fun Day Southport	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Middlemount Community School	Lets get the party started	\$909	One off grant
Mirani State High School	Fun and Fitness grant	\$909	30-Jun-12
Mission Australia	Active Children Thrive Working Agreement	\$1,000	30-Jun-12
Mona Aboriginal Corporation	Support of the Mt Isa Rugby League	\$5,000	Completed
Morayfield State High School	Breakfast and Homework Club Morayfield	\$7,625	30-Jun-12
Mornington Island Shire Council	Reduce smoking rates through involvement in sport and promoting health lifestyles in Gunna	\$2,328	One off grant
Mount Isa City Council	Grant funding	\$14,486	Completed
Mount Isa Fish Stocking Group Inc	Mount Isa Fish Stocking Group Inc	\$3,015	30-Jun-12
Mount Isa Rugby Union Club Inc	Swap IT - promoting sport in the community	\$5,000	Completed
Mulungu Aboriginal Corporation	Men's cultural camp to engage Indigenous men across Mareeba. Strengthen relationships between indigenous male and female from all age groups	\$5,000	Completed
Murriajabree ATSI	Smoke-free Support Program	\$17,000	Completed
Murriajabree Atsi Assoc Inc	Smoke-free Support Program	\$34,454	30-Jun-12
North & West Qld Primary Health Care	Diamantina Film Project Birdsville/Bedourie	\$4,800	30-Jun-12
North Bundaberg Eels Softball Club	Giruhbee Dance Group Bundaberg	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
North Queensland Telecom	Rugby Union Sevens Tournament	\$3,524	30-Jun-12
North Rockhampton State High School	Grant funding	\$500	One off grant
NPA Family and Community Services	Grant funding	\$45,000	30-Jun-12
Nwaica - North West Aboriginal & Islander Community Association	Grant funding	\$4,500	30-Jun-12
OO Australasia Pty Ltd	Partnership funds - Exercise Bikes to increase physical activity	\$422	Completed
Ozhelq Queensland	Mates in Construction - Marketing	\$177,273	One off grant
Pormpur Pannth Aboriginal Corporation	To provide access to a range of counselling and non clinical support services/programs appropriate to the need of the community of Pormpuraaw for a holistic and integrated community based approach to demand reduction and harm reduction in substance misuse, and promoting social and emotional wellbeing.	\$209,091	30-Jun-12



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Port Douglas Community Service	Program per SA NTT275	\$5,147	Completed
Positive Ageing Cairns Inc	SOYF Grant Application	\$5,000	Completed
Postgraduate Medical Education Council Of Queensland	PMCQ Accreditation Activities 2010/11	\$288,000	30-Apr-12
Proserpine State High School	SSP Whitsunday Indigenous Sports Event	\$4,793	30-Jun-12
Qld Indigenous Rugby League	SSP Qld Knockouts Rugby League Carnival & Cultural Community Fair	\$4,545	30-Jun-12
QPCYWA Upper Ross Branch	Men's Shed program	\$4,145	Completed
Queensland Injectors Health Network Inc	Dovetail Sector enhancement Activities Dovetail Professional Development Training Activities	\$20,000	30-Jun-12
Queensland Keep Fit Association Inc	Building capacity for Ageing with Vitality	\$5,750	Completed
Queensland Treasury	Business Improvement in Government Network 2012	\$20,000	One off grant
Queensland University of Technology	An initiative supporting youth & drug & alcohol services working together in Queensland Develop a Service/Practice Improvement Toolkit for the youth drug & alcohol sector	\$319,978	30-Jun-12
Queensland University of Technology	Part of \$150,000 for nursing midwifery scholarship	\$46,352	30-Jun-12
Queensland Voice For Mental Health Inc	Funding for Queensland Voice for Mental Health	\$160,000	30-Jun-12
Reuse & Recycle Cairns	Healthy Lifestyle Programs	\$1,545	30-Jun-12
Richard McLean	WWOW Injinoo Mural Project	\$4,545	One off grant
Road Accident Action Group	Peak Downs Day Support	\$2,000	One off grant
Rollingstone & District	Exercise Classes SOYF	\$1,694	Completed
Roma Community Menshed Inc	Roma Community Men's Shed Mentoring Program	\$10,000	30-Jun-12
Royal Aust & Nz College Psychiatrists	Royal Aust & NZ College Psychiatrists	\$50,000	Completed
Royal Australasian College Of Surgeons	Grant funding	\$145,455	30-Jun-12
Samantha Musso	Lighten Up workshops	\$2,634	Completed
Sarina Family Practice	Lighten Up workshops	\$2,173	Completed
Save The Children Australia	Grant funding	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
Scholarship Holder	Rad Onc Scholarship	\$21,000	30-Jun-12
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Scholarship Students	Scholarship Students	\$42,000	30-Jun-12
Scholarship Students	Student Scholarships One Off	\$5,833	One off grant
Seahawks Gold Coast Basketball	Allocation of funds to assist in the development and maintenance of an adult basketball comp att the Gold Coast - SWAP IT	\$2,600	Completed
Shelter Housing Action Group	To undertake and support a range of activities which promote greater involvement by mental health consumers and carers in determining how services are delivered in Far North Queensland.	\$38,380	30-Jun-12
South Burnett Pyc	Smoke-free Support Program	\$5,000	Completed
St Joseph's Primary School	Playground Project - Outback and Involved Grant	\$3,909	Completed
Sunshine Coast Division Of General Practice Ltd	Mental Health Conference - Sponsorship Contribution	\$9,091	Completed
Sydney Local Health Network	2010-2011 National Poison Register NPR Contribution	\$41,138	30-Jun-12
Tablelands Regional Council	Contribution to shade structure at Mary Andrews Park	\$4,580	30-Jun-12
Tai Chi For Busy People	Funding Stay on your Feet Program	\$4,178	Completed
The Australasian College For Emergency Medicine	Create and maintain a database of info relating to accredited and non accredited ED in Qld in respect to ACEM trainees	\$50,257	30-Jun-12
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The Commonwealth Scientific And Industrial Research Organisation	Contributions to the Australian E-Health Research Centre	\$1,000,000	30-Jun-12
The Corporation Of The Order Of The Canossian Sisters	Grant funding	\$2,310	Completed



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The Royal Australian And New Zealand College Of Psychiatrists	Sponsorship Contribution	\$3,000	Completed
The Salvation Army Youth	Provision of Welfare Services to Young People to provide welfare and specialist youth services to homeless and 'at risk' youth	\$29,476	30-Jun-12
The Streets Movement Organisation	Positive outlet for young teens in a fully supervised drug, alcohol and tobacco free environment. Promoting physical activity.	\$2,497	One off grant
Torres Regional Authority	Grant funding	\$72,855	30-Jun-12
Townsville Division of General Practice Ltd	Funding of Support for Clinical Service - GP Network	\$5,280,957	30-Jun-12
Uniting Care Community	Future Leaders Camp	\$4,541	Completed
University of Queensland	Baseline Lifestyle Needs Assessment Survey Tool	\$7,712	13-Apr-12
University of Queensland	Baseline Lifestyle Needs Assessment Survey Tool	\$29,153	13-Apr-12
University Of Queensland	Environmental Toxicology Research Payment to support and operate the National Research Centre	\$732,451	30-Jun-12
University Of Queensland	Part of \$150,000 for nursing midwifery scholarship	\$913,091	30-Jun-12
University Of Queensland	Funding Agreement for Collaborative Research Project	\$205,908	30-Jun-12
Whitsunday Regional Council	ACCR Whitsunday - Measure Up Activities	\$9,091	Completed
<b>Expired with three months wind-up funding from 1 July 2012</b>			<b>24 projects</b>
Australian Red Cross Society	Health Promotion Worker - Central West	\$85,039	30-Sep-12
Brisbane South Division Limited	Indigenous Child Health Worker (4-12 years) - Brisbane Southside	\$95,255	30-Sep-12
Capricornia Division of General Practice Ltd	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Gladstone	\$113,717	30-Sep-12
Central Queensland Rural Division of General Practice	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Central Highlands	\$115,110	30-Sep-12
Central Queensland Rural Division of General Practice	Program Co-ordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Moranbah	\$111,885	30-Sep-12
Charters Towers Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Program Coordinator (Healthy Lifestyle) - Charters Towers	\$132,385	30-Sep-12
Community Solutions Incorporated	Ravesafe Peer Helper Program	\$182,543	30-Sep-12
Darumbal Community Youth Service Inc.	Physical Activity Project Officer - Indigenous Focus - Rockhampton, Gladstone, Banana, C/Highlands	\$115,384	30-Sep-12
Family Planning Queensland	Women's Reproductive Health Services	\$470,080	30-Sep-12
Far North Queensland Rural Division of General Practice Assn Inc.	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Tablelands	\$121,865	30-Sep-12
GP Links Wide Bay Limited	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - North Burnett	\$125,750	30-Sep-12
Gynaecological Cancer Society Inc.	Information & Education Program	\$50,454	30-Sep-12
Health Promotion Connections Inc	Program Coordinator (Healthy Lifestyle) - Bowen	\$121,889	30-Sep-12
Indigenous Wellbeing Centre Aboriginal Corporation	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Bundaberg	\$111,744	30-Sep-12
Institute for Healthy Communities Aust Ltd	Quality Improvement Council - Review Accreditation Program	\$33,516	30-Sep-12
Metro South Medicare Local Ltd	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Logan-Beaudesert	\$109,165	30-Sep-12
Metro South Medicare Local Ltd	Multi-Disciplinary Care Coordination for Indigenous People	\$299,915	30-Sep-12
Mookai Rosie-Bi-Bayan (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation)	Administration and Finance Support	\$223,094	30-Sep-12
North Coast Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health	Physical Activity Project Officer (Indigenous) - Sunshine Coast	\$117,488	30-Sep-12
Queensland Association for Healthy Communities Inc	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Project	\$150,000	30-Sep-12
Queensland Council of Social Service Inc	Capacity Building within the Non-Government Health Sector	\$103,750	30-Sep-12
The Flinders University of South Australia	Quality Assurance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Medical services [QAAMS] enhancement	\$225,000	30-Sep-12

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Yulu-Burri-Ba Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health	Advanced Health Worker - Nutrition Promotion - Bayside	\$96,065	30-Sep-12
Queensland Voice For Mental Health Inc	Sponsorship Contribution	\$160,000	30-Sep-12
<b>Discontinued at 30 September 2012 after three months funding while being reviewed from 1 July 2012</b>			<b>39 projects</b>
Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service (Mackay) Ltd	Enhanced Indigenous Health Service Delivery in Mackay and Surrounding Catchment Areas	\$595,884	30-Sep-12
Australian Red Cross Society	Indigenous Child Health Worker (4-12 years) - Central West	\$92,012	30-Sep-12
Central Queensland Rural Division of General Practice	Indigenous Young Parents Support Worker - Woorabinda (Position 1)	\$89,151	30-Sep-12
Central Queensland Rural Division of General Practice	Indigenous Young Parents Support Worker - Woorabinda (Position 2)	\$89,151	30-Sep-12
Gurriny Yealamucka (Good Healing) Health Services Aboriginal Corporation	Indigenous Child Health Worker (4-12 years) - Yarrabah	\$113,754	30-Sep-12
Nhulundu Wooribah Indigenous Health Organisation Inc.	Multi-Disciplinary Models of Care Central Queensland and Wide Bay	\$1,416,000	30-Sep-12
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	Community Engagement Manager - Government Champion Support Officer	\$150,000	30-Sep-12
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd.	Alcohol & Drug Community Worker	\$92,632	30-Sep-12
Alcohol and Drug Foundation Queensland	Alcohol and Drug Prevention Worker - Brisbane Southside, Redlands, Logan, Beaudesert	\$134,018	30-Sep-12
Australian Red Cross Society	Advanced Health Worker (Nutrition Promotion) - Central West	\$105,697	30-Sep-12
Barambah Regional Medical Service	Physical Activity Project Officer (Indigenous) - Cherbourg	\$130,651	30-Sep-12
Beyond Billabong Pty Ltd	Counsellor Project	\$110,000	30-Sep-12
Bidjerdii Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation Community Health Service Central Qld	Advanced Health Worker - Nutrition Promotion - Rockhampton	\$101,175	30-Sep-12
Brisbane South Division Limited	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Brisbane Southside	\$113,123	30-Sep-12
Capricornia Division of General Practice Ltd	Community Nutritionist - Rockhampton	\$128,173	30-Sep-12
Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Ltd	Advanced Health Worker - Nutrition Promotion - Roma	\$119,978	30-Sep-12
Charters Towers Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Community Nutritionist - Charters Towers	\$127,875	30-Sep-12
Charters Towers Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Advanced Health Worker (Nutrition Promotion) - Charters Towers	\$101,815	30-Sep-12
DRUG ARM Australasia	Drug Arm Resource Centre	\$37,379	30-Sep-12
DRUG ARM Australasia	Alcohol and Drug Prevention Worker - Sunshine Coast	\$124,582	30-Sep-12
Emergency Medicine Australia	Improved Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health co-ordination	\$123,117	30-Sep-12
Girudala Community Co-operative Society Limited	Alcohol and Drug Prevention Worker - Indigenous - Bowen	\$139,554	30-Sep-12
Girudala Community Co-operative Society Limited	Advanced Health Worker - Nutrition Promotion - Bowen	\$99,962	30-Sep-12
GP Links Wide Bay Limited	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Fraser Coast	\$112,483	30-Sep-12
Health Promotion Connections Inc	Community Nutritionist - Bowen	\$126,960	30-Sep-12
Indigenous Wellbeing Centre Aboriginal Corporation	Alcohol and Drug Prevention Worker - Bundaberg	\$133,808	30-Sep-12
Indigenous Wellbeing Centre Aboriginal Corporation	Advanced Health Worker (Nutrition Promotion) - Bundaberg	\$111,092	30-Sep-12
Nhulundu Wooribah Indigenous Health Organisation Inc.	Advanced Health Worker (Nutrition Promotion) - Gladstone	\$110,305	30-Sep-12



Organisation	Project Title	Paid 2011/12	End Date
RHealth Limited	Alcohol and Drug Prevention Worker - Indigenous - Charleville	\$141,727	30-Sep-12
RHealth Limited	Community Nutritionist - South Burnett	\$140,260	30-Sep-12
RHealth Limited	Program Coordinator (Healthy Lifestyle) - Charleville	\$135,990	30-Sep-12
RHealth Limited	Community Nutritionist - Northern Downs	\$130,123	30-Sep-12
RHealth Limited	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Northern Downs	\$115,668	30-Sep-12
The Australian Nutrition Foundation (Qld Division) Incorporated	Healthy Tuckshop Support Program	\$83,243	30-Sep-12
The Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies Ltd	Alcohol and Drug Peak Body	\$307,354	30-Sep-12
Toowoomba and District Division of General Practice Ltd (GP Connections)	Alcohol and Drug Prevention Worker - Toowoomba	\$137,733	30-Sep-12
Toowoomba and District Division of General Practice Ltd (GP Connections)	Program Coordinator (Healthy Lifestyle) - Toowoomba	\$121,552	30-Sep-12
Toowoomba and District Division of General Practice Ltd (GP Connections)	Indigenous Sexual & Reproductive Health Worker - Toowoomba	\$96,020	30-Sep-12
University of Queensland	Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs Program - Core Funding	\$234,986	30-Sep-12
<b>Ending in 2011/12 - transferred to Department of Communities</b>		<b>34 projects</b>	
Centre Against Sexual Violence Inc.	Sexual Assault Support and Prevention	\$286,279	31-Dec-11
dvconnect Limited	1800 Statewide Sexual Assault Helpline	\$203,958	31-Dec-11
Family Planning Queensland	Resource development to improve sexual & reproductive health of A&TSI young people	\$3,202	31-Dec-11
Family Planning Queensland	Sexual Assault Support Service Cairns	\$211,194	31-Dec-11
Gold Coast Centre Against Sexual Violence Inc.	Sexual Assault Support and Prevention	\$292,591	31-Dec-11
Gympie and District Women's Health Group Incorporated	Gympie & District Women's Health Centre	\$288,507	30-Jun-12
Logan Women's Health & Wellbeing Centre Inc.	Women's Health Centre	\$508,076	30-Jun-12
Mackay Women's Centre Inc.	Women's Health Services	\$170,539	30-Jun-12
Mackay Women's Centre Inc.	Women's Reproductive Health Services	\$24,324	30-Jun-12
Migrant Women's Emergency Support Service Inc	Sexual Assault Support and Prevention	\$117,839	31-Dec-11
Murrigunyah Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Women Inc	Sexual Assault Support and Prevention	\$106,915	31-Dec-11
North Queensland Combined Women's Services Inc	Sexual Assault Support and Prevention	\$171,442	31-Dec-11
North Queensland Combined Women's Services Inc	National Women's Health Program	\$288,507	30-Jun-12
Older Women's Network (Queensland) Inc.	Older Women's Network	\$90,210	30-Jun-12
Phoenix House Association Inc.	Bundaberg Area Sexual Assault Support and Prevention Project	\$109,033	31-Dec-11
Pregnancy and Family Support Association Gold Coast Incorporated	Women's Reproductive Health Services	\$18,434	30-Jun-12
Pregnancy Help Queensland Incorporated	Pregnancy Counselling Link	\$153,556	30-Jun-12
Queensland Women's Health Network Inc	Queensland Women's Health Network	\$54,094	30-Jun-12
Sisters Inside Inc.	Sexual Assault Support and Prevention	\$106,915	31-Dec-11
Sunshine Cooloola Services Against Sexual Violence Inc.	Sexual Assault Support and Prevention Program	\$225,620	31-Dec-11
Tablelands Rape & Incest Crisis Centre Inc	Tablelands Sexual Assault Service	\$121,579	31-Dec-11
The Corporation of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane	South Burnett Sexual Assault Support and Prevention Program	\$58,550	31-Dec-11
The Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Rockhampton Inc.	Sexual Assault Support and Prevention Program	\$58,302	31-Dec-11



Organisation	Project Title	Paid 2011/12	End Date
The Women's Community Aid Association (Qld) Limited	Sexual Assault Support and Prevention	\$168,120	31-Dec-11
Whitsunday Crisis & Counselling Service Incorporated	Sexual Assault Support and Prevention	\$106,915	31-Dec-11
Wide Bay Sexual Assault Association Inc	Wide Bay Sexual Assault Support Service	\$109,034	31-Dec-11
Wide Bay Women's Health Centre Incorporated	Wide Bay Women's Health Service	\$445,601	30-Jun-12
Women's Health Awareness Group of Gladstone Inc	Gladstone Region Sexual Assault Service	\$54,244	31-Dec-11
Women's Health Awareness Group of Gladstone Inc	Gladstone Women's Health Service	\$288,507	30-Jun-12
Women's Health Information and Referral Service, CQ Incorporated	Rockhampton Rape Incest & Sexual Violence Centre	\$109,034	31-Dec-11
Women's Health Information and Referral Service, CQ Incorporated	National Women's Health Program	\$570,590	30-Jun-12
Women's Health Queensland Wide Inc	National Women's Health Program	\$802,323	30-Jun-12
WWILD Sexual Violence Prevention Association Inc	WWILD - SVP Service	\$112,653	31-Dec-11
Zig Zag Young Women's Resource Centre Inc.	Sexual Assault Support and Prevention	\$168,120	31-Dec-11

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**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**NO. 7**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Health “health infrastructure program” can the Minister supply a list of capital projects identified at the end of the last financial year which are either over-schedule or over-Budget?

ANSWER:

Seventeen projects, detailed below, have been identified as being behind schedule.

As at 30 June 2012, no project had committed to costs over approved funding allocations.

<b>Project Title</b>
Cape York Improved Primary Health Care Initiatives
Cape York Staff Accommodation
Rockhampton Base Hospital Expansion - Stage 1
Translational Research Institute
Regional Accommodation Program
Torres Strait Accommodation
Cairns Hospital Expansion
Logan Hospital Emergency Department
The Prince Charles Hospital Paediatric Emergency Department
Caloundra Hospital Emergency Department Expansion
Bundaberg Oral Health & Cancer Care
Hervey Bay Oral Health & Cancer Care
Redcliffe Paediatric Emergency
Mt Isa Hospital Expansion
Cloncurry Aged Care Annex
Saibai Island Primary Healthcare Centre
Maryborough Hospital - Rehabilitation Services (HHS Managed Project)

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**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**NO. 8**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the Budget commitment to deliver "*three Paediatric Intensive Care beds at the Townsville Hospital (\$14.75M over 3 years)*" can the Minister advise of both the progress to date and anticipated timeframes surrounding delivery of this initiative?

ANSWER:

The ability of specialist paediatric surgeons in general paediatrics and in Neurosurgery to provide services to children in Townsville and North Queensland has been limited by the availability of the ICU service.

The LNP Government will provide better access to children's health services for North Queensland by committing ongoing funding, beginning with \$14.75 million over three years, for a paediatric intensive care unit at the Townsville Hospital. This funding will provide two beds in 2012-13, growing to a minimum of three beds in 2013-14 and subsequent years.

A key milestone in the provision of this service occurred in September with the recruitment and appointment of four highly trained doctors to provide a 24-hour, seven day a week specialist paediatric intensive care roster. Since that time, two to three children have been in the unit almost continuously. Furthermore, senior staff have conducted a small number of retrievals to bring children to the unit.

The next milestone, expected shortly, will see the unit move to pod 3 of the intensive care unit.

In addition, equipment purchased for this service continues to arrive from the vendors.



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**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**NO. 9**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the Budget commitment to *"put the Cairns Base Hospital on the Path to "Tier One" status, with additional funding of \$15 million over four years to enable the recruitment of extra specialists to revitalise frontline services*, can the Minister advise of both the progress to date and anticipated timeframes surrounding delivery of this initiative?

ANSWER:

In 2012/13, \$4M has been allocated as part of the commitment to deliver an additional \$15M over four years to Cairns Base Hospital.

The following specialist services were identified by the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service (HHS) as the priority areas for the Cairns Base Hospital budget commitment:

- Neurology;
- Gastroenterology;
- Plastic Surgery; and
- Cardiology.

The \$15M funding commitment is to be used over four years to revitalise frontline staff at Cairns Base Hospital and assist in attracting specialists and support services to Cairns and Far North Queensland.

To date the following progress has been achieved:

Neurology	Advertisement for a second Neurologist has now closed. Selection process has now commenced.
Gastroenterology	Recruitment for a specialist in the area of Gastroenterology has now commenced. Appeared in Weekly Vacancies Schedule on Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October.
Plastics	Recruitment for an additional Plastic Surgeon has commenced and a locum is also being sourced.
Cardiology	One temporary Staff Specialists are now undertaking one additional day per week. The Recruitment process has commenced for an additional Cardiologist. An additional radiographer recruitment is also in progress to support ability to increase Cardiac Catheter Lab usage.

The Cairns and Hinterland HHS is working to have the recruitment processes finalised as soon as possible.

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**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**NO. 10**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the activity based funding model system for funding public hospital services under the National Health Reform Agreement. Can the Minister advise what are the financial implications to Queensland of the Commonwealth Government funding model should Queensland fail to improve the efficiency of service provision?

ANSWER:

Under the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA), there are strong incentives to improve public hospital efficiency in Queensland through the introduction of a national Activity Based Funding (ABF) model for public hospital services based on a National Efficient Price (NEP). The NEP is set independently by the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA) and provides an important benchmark for determining Queensland's efficiency compared to other States. The most recent analysis by IHPA suggests that Queensland is up to 11% inefficient using this benchmark.

The key risk that this brings is from 2014-2015 when the Commonwealth will only fund 45% (rising to 50% in 2017/18) of 'efficient growth'. Efficient growth will be determined not only by growth in activity but also by growth in the NEP.

If Queensland does not significantly improve the efficiency of service provision, Commonwealth funding for public hospital services in Queensland will not grow at a rate commensurate with actual growth in costs. The difference between actual and efficient growth will have to be met by the Queensland Government as System Manager and there will be less funding available for additional growth in activity. Therefore, Hospital and Health Services must become more efficient in the next 12 to 18 months through, for example, improved models of care, better purchasing initiatives and more competitive industrial agreements.



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**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**NO. 11**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

I refer to page 89 of Budget Paper 4 where it details cuts to Health Grants of \$120 million over the forward estimates. Will the Minister list all grant funding that will be discontinued under this savings measure separated out by recipient and listed in the same format used by the Minister in response to Question on Notice 445?

ANSWER:

I can not provide a list of all grant funding that will be discontinued over the next four years, as the department is still continuing its review of all non-government grants.

The former Auditor-General, Glenn Poole, is leading a review of these funding arrangements and to recommend structures and systems that reflect the Government's needs and ensure suitable reporting and accountabilities.

I have already provided a list of changes to 303 Queensland Health grants that expired on or before 30 June 2012 which was released on 29 June 2012. This included 59 grants which were extended for three months to allow for further review, the result of which was announced on 24 September 2012.

The Queensland State budget has been severely compromised by the loss of its AAA credit-rating. In addition, Queensland, like other States, is changing its health system to meet the national health reform agenda. Health care decision making has been devolved to Hospital and Health Boards, health care cost efficiencies are being driven by the Independent Hospital Pricing Authority and Medicare Locals have been established through which preventative health activities and management are to be embedded and improvements made to accessing local primary healthcare services.

As such, Queensland Health is reviewing all State non-government grant funding to ensure that it does not duplicate the responsibility of the Federal Government, supports core clinical services and is value for money for Queensland tax payers.

Under the Department's Financial Management Practice Manual, grants and purchasing arrangements require contracts which nominate specific services and defined periods. In accordance with this, any future grants and purchasing arrangements will be subject to enhanced obligations, negotiated on a case by case basis.



I am particularly interested in ensuring that an evidence based approach is taken to all funding decisions considered by the Department. This approach will ensure that State funding is used more efficiently, does not duplicate Federal Government funding initiatives and is more appropriately directed to core acute and sub-acute clinical services.

The attached table provides a list of grants that have been discontinued and result in recurrent state budget savings, and includes the organisations, projects, funding amounts and end dates for each project.

Organisation	Project	2012-2013 Savings	Recurrent savings	End date
<b>Not renewed after 2011-12</b>				
Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	Food Advertisement Analysis	\$5,113	\$5,113	21-Nov-11
Goori Original Ltd	One-Off Infrastructure Funding	\$34,199	\$34,199	31-Dec-11
Goldbridge Rehabilitation Services Inc.	Feasibility Study	\$5,000	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
The Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies Ltd	One-Off Rental Assistance	\$29,276	\$29,276	30-Jun-12
Deaf Children Australia	Infant Sign Language Family Resource Kit	\$45,000	\$45,000	31-May-12
General Practice Queensland Ltd	Diabetes Connect: Resource Development	\$80,000	\$80,000	30-Jun-12
General Practice Queensland Ltd	Diabetes Connect: Evaluation	\$35,000	\$35,000	30-Jun-12
Queensland Association for Healthy Communities Inc	Investigate efficacy of web based communication in prevention of HIV for high risk target group	\$40,000	\$40,000	30-Jun-12
Congress Community Development and Education Unit Limited	Transition House Aftercare	\$90,000	\$90,000	30-Jun-12
Queensland Police Union of Employees	2012 Diary Advert - QLD Sexual Assault Services	\$1,655	\$1,655	30-Jun-12
General Practice Queensland Ltd	General Practice Support (GPAC)	\$149,971	\$149,971	30-Jun-12
General Practice Queensland Ltd	GP Representation - Statewide Cardiac Clinical Network	\$5,000	\$5,000	30-Jun-12
General Practice Queensland Ltd	General Practice Support (Clinical Networks)	\$68,000	\$68,000	30-Jun-12
The Trustee for Moovit Discretionary Trust	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Gympie	\$69,722	\$69,722	30-Jun-12
Queensland University of Technology	Food Literacy & the Disadvantaged - Applied Research Project (contract management transferred to OHMR)	\$25,000	\$25,000	31-Jan-12
Central Queensland University	Information Technology and strategies to support lifestyle risk modification in middle aged men - contract management responsibility transferred to OHMR.	\$70,000	\$70,000	15-Jun-12
Family Planning Queensland	Correctional Facilities Education Project	\$130,000	\$130,000	30-Jun-12
Family Planning Queensland	HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C & Sexual Health Educ & Training for Service Providers working with Youth	\$120,000	\$120,000	30-Jun-12
Family Planning Queensland	Sexual Health Nursing Scholarship - Clinical Training Program	\$50,000	\$50,000	30-Jun-12
Family Planning Queensland	Develop and distribute a DVD training resource	\$7,269	\$7,269	30-Jun-12
Family Planning Queensland	Reimbursement - Review of Sexual Health Clinical Guidelines	\$2,000	\$2,000	30-Jun-12
Griffith University	Queensland Indigenous Alcohol Diversion Program - Parents Under Pressure Project	\$35,000	\$35,000	30-Jun-12
Queensland Aboriginal & Islander Health Council	Certificate III in Alcohol and Other Drug Work - Training for Indigenous health workforce	\$250,000	\$250,000	30-Jun-12
University of New South Wales	National HIV Seroconversion Study	\$23,471	\$23,471	30-Jun-12
University of Queensland	Revision and update of course content	\$60,000	\$60,000	30-Jun-12
University of Queensland	2012 Deadly Sex Congress Education and	\$30,000	\$30,000	30-Jun-12



Organisation	Project	2012-2013 Savings	Recurrent savings	End date
	Training			
University of Queensland	Evaluation of the Queensland Strategy for Chronic Disease 2005-2015 Milestones / Deliverables	\$66,480	\$66,480	30-Jun-12
<b>Savings for projects not being renewed after 30 June 2012</b>		<b>\$1,527,156</b>	<b>\$1,527,156</b>	

**Expired with 3-month wind-up payment from 1 July 2012**

Australian Red Cross Society	Health Promotion Worker - Central West	\$63,914	\$85,219	30-Jun-12
Brisbane South Division Limited	Indigenous Child Health Worker (4-12 years) - Brisbane Southside	\$71,592	\$95,456	30-Jun-12
Capricornia Division of General Practice Ltd	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Gladstone	\$85,468	\$113,957	30-Jun-12
Central Queensland Rural Division of General Practice	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Central Highlands	\$86,515	\$115,353	30-Jun-12
Central Queensland Rural Division of General Practice	Program Co-ordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Moranbah	\$84,091	\$112,121	30-Jun-12
Charters Towers Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Program Coordinator (Healthy Lifestyle) - Charters Towers	\$99,499	\$132,665	30-Jun-12
Community Solutions Incorporated	Ravesafe Peer Helper Program	\$136,967	\$182,623	30-Jun-12
Darumbal Community Youth Service Inc.	Physical Activity Project Officer - Indigenous Focus - Rockhampton, Gladstone, Banana, C/Highlands	\$86,721	\$115,628	30-Jun-12
Family Planning Queensland	Women's Reproductive Health Services	\$355,211	\$473,614	30-Jun-12
Far North Queensland Rural Division of General Practice Assn Inc.	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Tablelands	\$91,592	\$122,122	30-Jun-12
GP Links Wide Bay Limited	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - North Burnett	\$94,512	\$126,016	30-Jun-12
Gynaecological Cancer Society Inc.	Information & Education Program	\$37,841	\$50,454	30-Jun-12
Health Promotion Connections Inc	Program Coordinator (Healthy Lifestyle) - Bowen	\$91,611	\$122,148	30-Jun-12
Indigenous Wellbeing Centre Aboriginal Corporation	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Bundaberg	\$83,985	\$111,980	30-Jun-12
Institute for Healthy Communities Aust Ltd	Quality Improvement Council - Review Accreditation Program	\$25,137	\$33,516	30-Jun-12
Metro South Medicare Local Ltd	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Logan-Beaudesert	\$82,047	\$109,396	30-Jun-12
Metro South Medicare Local Ltd	Multi-Disciplinary Care Coordination for Indigenous People	\$199,369	\$266,591	30-Jun-12
Mookai Rosie-Bi-Bayan (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation)	Administration and Finance Support	\$143,418	\$191,223	30-Jun-12
North Coast Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health	Physical Activity Project Officer (Indigenous) - Sunshine Coast	\$88,303	\$117,737	30-Jun-12
Queensland Association for Healthy Communities Inc	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Project	\$112,500	\$150,000	30-Jun-12
Queensland Council of Social Service Inc	Capacity Building within the Non-Government Health Sector	\$77,813	\$103,750	30-Jun-12



Organisation	Project	2012-2013 Savings	Recurrent savings	End date
Yulu-Burri-Ba Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health	Advanced Health Worker - Nutrition Promotion - Bayside	\$72,201	\$96,268	30-Jun-12
<b>Savings for projects receiving three month wind up payment to 30 September 2012</b>		<b>\$2,270,304</b>	<b>\$3,027,838</b>	

**Expired at 30 September 2012**

Gurriny Yealamucka (Good Healing) Health Services Aboriginal Corporation	Indigenous Child Health Worker (4-12 years) - Yarrabah	\$85,494	\$113,995	30-Sep-12
Girudala Community Co-operative Society Limited	Alcohol and Drug Prevention Worker - Indigenous - Bowen	\$104,886	\$139,849	30-Sep-12
Girudala Community Co-operative Society Limited	Advanced Health Worker - Nutrition Promotion - Bowen	\$75,129	\$100,173	30-Sep-12
North Coast Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health	Health Trax	\$200,000	\$200,000	30-Jun-13
Alcohol and Drug Foundation Queensland	Alcohol and Drug Prevention Worker - Brisbane Southside, Redlands, Logan, Beaudesert	\$100,725	\$134,301	30-Sep-12
Brisbane South Division Limited	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Brisbane Southside	\$85,020	\$113,362	30-Sep-12
DRUG ARM Australasia	Alcohol and Drug Prevention Worker - Sunshine Coast	\$93,634	\$124,846	30-Sep-12
DRUG ARM Australasia	Drug Arm Resource Centre	\$28,032	\$37,379	30-Sep-12
GP Links Wide Bay Limited	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Fraser Coast	\$84,540	\$112,722	30-Sep-12
RHealth Limited	Program Coordinator (Healthy Lifestyle) - Charleville	\$102,207	\$136,277	30-Sep-12
RHealth Limited	Program Coordinator - Healthy Lifestyle - Northern Downs	\$86,934	\$115,913	30-Sep-12
The Australian Nutrition Foundation (Qld Division) Incorporated	Healthy Tuckshop Support Program	\$62,430	\$83,240	30-Sep-12
The Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies Ltd	Alcohol and Drug Peak Body	\$230,514	\$307,354	30-Sep-12
Toowoomba and District Division of General Practice Ltd (GP Connections)	Alcohol and Drug Prevention Worker - Toowoomba	\$103,518	\$138,024	30-Sep-12
Toowoomba and District Division of General Practice Ltd (GP Connections)	Program Coordinator (Healthy Lifestyle) - Toowoomba	\$91,356	\$121,809	30-Sep-12
University of Queensland	Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs Program - Core Funding	\$176,238	\$234,986	30-Sep-12
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd.	Alcohol & Drug Community Worker	\$69,507	\$92,676	30-Sep-12
Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service (Mackay) Ltd	Enhanced Indigenous Health Service Delivery in Mackay and Surrounding Catchment Areas	\$109,867	\$146,490	30-Sep-12
Australian Red Cross Society	Advanced Health Worker (Nutrition Promotion) - Central West	\$79,440	\$105,920	30-Sep-12

Organisation	Project	2012-2013 Savings	Recurrent savings	End date
Capricornia Division of General Practice Ltd	Community Nutritionist - Rockhampton	\$96,333	\$128,444	30-Sep-12
Health Promotion Connections Inc	Community Nutritionist - Bowen	\$95,421	\$127,228	30-Sep-12
RHealth Limited	Community Nutritionist - South Burnett	\$105,417	\$140,557	30-Sep-12
RHealth Limited	Community Nutritionist - Northern Downs	\$97,797	\$130,399	30-Sep-12
Barambah Regional Medical Service	Physical Activity Project Officer (Indigenous) - Cherbourg	\$98,196	\$130,928	30-Sep-12
Bidjerdii Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation Community Health Service Central Qld	Advanced Health Worker - Nutrition Promotion - Rockhampton	\$76,041	\$101,389	30-Sep-12
Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Ltd	Advanced Health Worker - Nutrition Promotion - Roma	\$90,174	\$120,232	30-Sep-12
Charters Towers Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Community Nutritionist - Charters Towers	\$96,109	\$128,146	30-Sep-12
Charters Towers Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Advanced Health Worker (Nutrition Promotion) - Charters Towers	\$76,522	\$102,030	30-Sep-12
Indigenous Wellbeing Centre Aboriginal Corporation	Alcohol and Drug Prevention Worker - Bundaberg	\$100,568	\$134,091	30-Sep-12
Indigenous Wellbeing Centre Aboriginal Corporation	Advanced Health Worker (Nutrition Promotion) - Bundaberg	\$83,495	\$111,327	30-Sep-12
Nhulundu Wooribah Indigenous Health Organisation Inc.	Advanced Health Worker (Nutrition Promotion) - Gladstone	\$82,903	\$110,538	30-Sep-12
RHealth Limited	Alcohol and Drug Prevention Worker - Indigenous - Charleville	\$106,518	\$142,027	30-Sep-12
Toowoomba and District Division of General Practice Ltd (GP Connections)	Indigenous Sexual & Reproductive Health Worker - Toowoomba	\$72,167	\$96,223	30-Sep-12
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	Community Engagement Manager - Government Champion Support Officer	\$112,500	\$150,000	30-Sep-12
<b>Savings for projects expiring at 30 September 2012</b>		<b>\$3,359,632</b>	<b>\$4,412,875</b>	

<b>TOTAL SAVINGS FROM DISCONTINUED PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$7,157,092</b>	<b>\$8,967,869</b>
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**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**NO. 12**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

I refer to Schedule 2 in the Appropriation Bill 2012, outlining the 2012-13 funding allocation for Queensland Health. Will the Minister list every work unit, branch and/or division that has been abolished within Queensland Health, and the number of staff positions contained within each abolished work area, as part of the process of developing the 2012-13 State Budget?

ANSWER:

As the Member would be aware, the commencement of the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* on 1 July 2012 saw the commencement of the largest change in healthcare delivery in Queensland in a generation with the creation of 17 Hospital and Health Services and the commencement of the System Manager and Commercialised Business Units to support their operation.

Practically, each work unit, branch and/or division of the organisation's more than 60,000 FTEs was replaced/abolished/impacted: Health Service Districts no longer exist and have been replaced with Hospital and Health Services; the number of Corporate Divisions was reduced from nine to three with two new Commercialised Business Units being created; the branches and units in each of these areas have been impacted to varying degrees as functions are amalgamated, merged or discontinued as we achieve greater efficiencies and re-direct an increased proportion of the State's health budget to frontline services in line with the commitments we made to Queenslanders at the March 2012 election and in accordance with national health reforms.

Interestingly, as I am sure the Member is aware, these are the same health reforms that her Government agreed to as part of the Council of Australian Governments' process in 2010 and 2011 about which I have previously informed the Parliament. In that regard, should the Honourable Member have concerns about the intent of the national health reforms, I would encourage her to take them up with her former colleagues or Federal counterparts.

Accordingly, as announced in the State Budget, for 2012-13 Queensland Health will see a Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff reduction of 2,754 positions. As I have previously advised, this includes 1,217 FTEs within the System Manager and Commercialised Business Units and a further 1,537 FTEs within HHS's as a consequence of the unfunded component of Labor's failed payroll.



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**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**NO. 13**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to page 19 of the Health Service Delivery Statement and to page 10 that states there is a commitment to “provide up to an additional 40,000 specialist outpatient appointments to enable better access to specialist care”, will the Minister explain why Outpatient services are anticipated to decline contradicting the stated commitment and why my calculations for the 2012-13 Outpatient TWAUs for all Hospital and Health Services demonstrates a 4% decrease in service provision? Would the Minister also explain the mechanism by which the commitment to deliver more outpatient appointments will be publicly reported, given the discontinuance of the total appointments as a performance measure?

ANSWER:

The total target weighted activity units (WAUs) for outpatients in 2012-13 (2012-13 Queensland State Budget – Service Delivery Statements for Queensland Health, Page 19) is reported as 263,734 which is slightly lower than the estimated actual for 2011-12 of 263,913 WAUs. However, when compared with the purchased level of activity in 2011/12 of 235,957 it represents 11.8% (27,777 WAUs) increase.

It should be noted that:

- activity levels contained within the SDS for each HHS cannot simply be summed to derive the total for the system as a whole. As noted in footnote 23 to the Performance Statement in the Service Delivery Statements (Page 23), the statewide totals include activity provided through agreements with the Mater Health Services as well as a number of other sources; and
- a WAU provides a common unit of comparison between different types of activity, such as acute inpatient services, emergency services, outpatient services and sub-acute care, so that all activity can be measured consistently. By way of illustration in 2011-12 the estimated actual WAUs of 263,913 represents over 3.0 million outpatient occasions of service.

Given the level of previous year on year activity growth and the impact which this has had on the states finances the approach to service agreements in 2012/13 has been based on 2011/12 purchased levels plus growth in those areas of greatest need. This would include the commitment to provide additional specialist outpatient appointments which has been targeted at a number of key long wait specialities, including ophthalmology, gastroenterology and

orthopaedics. A decision has been taken not to continually exacerbate the situation by starting from previous years actual activity but instead to incorporate measures to manage both the supply and demand sides of the system as follows:

- supply side management: ensuring that Queensland Hospitals become more efficient in the way in which services are delivered; and
- demand side management: encouraging new models of care outside acute hospitals to manage the year on year growth in hospital activity in a way which brings care closer to the patient and is at a lower cost. Specifically in 2012/13 the purchasing framework includes a range of measures to ensure better value for money from outpatient services and a stronger focus on health outcomes. Most importantly, the outpatient access measure seeks to incentivise Hospital and Health Services to recall patients to hospital outpatient appointments only when clinically necessary and to explore appropriate alternatives including discharging completely or discharging back to primary care. This has led to a reduction in the purchased volume of public and face to face outpatient review appointments. In addition, the purchasing model also includes a number of measures to reduce hospital admissions (e.g. chronic disease management, improved clinical and cost effectiveness) which will have flow-on effects in terms of reduced outpatient WAUs.

The Department is committed to improving the collection and reporting of outpatient activity and will continue to report the total number of public outpatient occasions of service via the Hospital Performance website, available to the public. In a bid to furthering our commitment to the public regarding accessibility of public outpatient services and to assist benchmarking activities, waiting time information will be reported for public specialist outpatients clinics by urgency category for Activity Based Funded hospitals commencing October 2012 and updated quarterly.



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**NO. 14**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to page 19 of the Queensland Health Service Delivery Statement that states Emergency Department service standards in 2012-13 will increase to a target estimate of 207,656 total weighted activity units (TWAUs) compared with the estimated actual 203,228 TWAUs in 2011-12, will the Minister explain why my calculations for the 2012-13 Emergency Department TWAUs for all Hospital and Health Services projects a 4% decrease in service provision?

ANSWER:

The total target weighted activity units (WAUs) for Emergency Departments services in 2012-13 (2012-13 Queensland State Budget – Service Delivery Statements for Queensland Health, Page 19) is reported as 207,656. This target is:

- 4,428 (or 2.2%) greater than the 2011-12 estimated actual of 203,228 WAUs; and
- 14,964 (or 7.8%) greater than the level of purchased activity in the 2011-12 service agreement of 192,692 WAUs.

It should be noted that:

- activity levels contained within the SDS for each HHS cannot simply be summed to derive the total for the system as a whole. As noted in footnote 23 to the Performance Statement in the Service Delivery Statements (Page 23), the statewide totals include activity provided through agreements with the Mater Health Services as well as a number of other sources; and
- a WAU provides a common unit of comparison between different types of activity, such as acute inpatient services, emergency services, outpatient services and sub-acute care, so that all activity can be measured consistently. As an example, the 203,228 Emergency Department WAUs in 2011-12 equated to 1,727,872 Emergency Department presentations.

Given the level of previous year on year activity growth and the impact which this has had on the states finances the approach to service agreements in 2012/13 has been based on 2011/12 purchased levels plus growth in those areas of greatest need. A decision has been taken not to continually exacerbate the situation by starting from previous years actual activity but instead to incorporate measures to manage both the supply and demand sides of the system as follows:



- supply side management: ensuring that Queensland Hospitals become more efficient in the way in which services are delivered; and
- demand side management: encouraging new models of care outside acute hospitals to manage the year on year growth in hospital activity in a way which brings care closer to the patient and is at a lower cost. Specifically in 2012/13 a new Emergency Department Admission policy has been implemented, a range of incentives have been introduced to manage chronic disease outside acute hospitals and for Hospital and Health Services to introduce more Acute Primary Care Clinics to ensure that more urgent patients can be seen more quickly in the Emergency Department.

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**NO. 15**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

I refer to page 84 of Budget Paper 2 of the 2012-13 Budget. Will the Minister advise how many positions (broken down by permanent, temporary, casual and contract) have been abolished since 26 March 2012 in Queensland Health and its 17 Hospital and Health Services, listed by job title, salary level and location.

ANSWER:

For the period 1 July 2011 to 25 March 2012, 4,570.39 FTE separated from Queensland Health and have not been re-employed in any capacity, as set out in the table below:

<b>Hospital and Health Services / System Manager</b>	<b>Permanent Employees Separated FTE</b>	<b>Temporary Employees Separated FTE</b>	<b>Total Separated FTE</b>
Cairns and Hinterland	111.42	122.15	233.57
Cape York	18.29	54.48	72.77
Central Queensland	117.82	75.1	192.92
Central West	15	2.05	17.05
Children's Health Queensland	42.79	76.92	119.71
Darling Downs	96.58	86.45	183.03
Gold Coast	129.48	159.93	289.41
Mackay	89.43	57	146.43
Metro North	316.53	356.81	673.34
Metro South	256.92	287.42	544.34
North West	39.41	29.06	68.47
South West	41.41	31.77	73.18
Sunshine Coast	66.56	72.06	138.62
Torres Strait – Northern Peninsula	15.63	26	41.63
Townsville	152.61	127.84	280.45
West Moreton	54.11	52.39	106.5
Wide Bay	75.87	51.49	127.36
<b>Hospital and Health Services Total</b>	<b>1639.86</b>	<b>1668.92</b>	<b>3308.78</b>
<b>System Manager</b>	<b>778.61</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>1261.61</b>
<b>Queensland Health</b>	<b>2418.47</b>	<b>2151.92</b>	<b>4,570.39</b>

For the period 26 March to 30 June 2012, as a first step in addressing the significant fiscal repair task left by the former Government, 1337.93 FTE separated from Queensland Health and have not been re-employed in any capacity, as set out in the table below:

<b>Hospital and Health Services / System Manager</b>	<b>Permanent Employees Separated FTE</b>	<b>Temporary Employees Separated FTE</b>	<b>Total Separated FTE</b>
Cairns and Hinterland	27.30	43.29	70.59
Cape York	5.84	23.71	29.55
Central Queensland	32.63	29.52	62.15
Central West	2.26	2.00	4.26
Children's Health Queensland	16.60	27.51	44.11
Darling Downs	30.66	19.72	50.38
Gold Coast	40.88	30.04	70.92
Mackay	32.69	12.74	45.43
Metro North	77.51	84.53	162.04
Metro South	59.34	72.20	131.54
North West	8.98	7.72	16.70
South West	15.89	11.20	27.09
Sunshine Coast	27.23	21.92	49.15
Torres Strait – Northern Peninsula	5.50	16.22	21.72
Townsville	46.61	40.04	86.65
West Moreton	23.89	29.69	53.58
Wide Bay	32.04	19.47	51.51
<b>Hospital and Health Services Total</b>	<b>485.85</b>	<b>491.52</b>	<b>977.37</b>
<b>System Manager</b>	<b>140.66</b>	<b>219.90</b>	<b>360.56</b>
<b>Queensland Health Total</b>	<b>626.51</b>	<b>711.42</b>	<b>1,337.93</b>

For the period 1 July 2012 to 16 September 2012, 1,157.70 FTE have separated from Queensland Health and have not been re-employed in any capacity, as set out in the table below:

<b>Hospital and Health Services / System Manager</b>	<b>Permanent Employees Separated FTE</b>	<b>Temporary Employees Separated FTE</b>	<b>Total Separated FTE</b>
Cairns and Hinterland	24.62	24.96	49.58
Cape York	6.26	19.24	25.50
Central Queensland	32.50	24.13	56.63
Central West	6.00	4.00	10.00
Children's Health Queensland	4.98	26.14	31.12
Darling Downs	23.87	20.16	44.03
Gold Coast	34.61	46.04	80.65
Mackay	19.70	13.40	33.10
Metro North	93.25	108.04	201.29
Metro South	65.13	79.67	144.80
North West	16.52	13.03	29.55
South West	14.01	5.10	19.11
Sunshine Coast	14.76	13.06	27.82
Torres Strait – Northern Peninsula	5.00	11.26	16.26
Townsville	44.29	36.59	80.88



West Moreton	20.57	18.30	38.87
Wide Bay	26.46	16.73	43.19
<b>Hospital and Health Services Total</b>	<b>452.53</b>	<b>479.85</b>	<b>932.38</b>
<b>System Manager</b>	<b>65.42</b>	<b>159.90</b>	<b>225.32</b>
<b>Queensland Health Total</b>	<b>517.95</b>	<b>639.75</b>	<b>1,157.70</b>

**Notes about data contained in above tables:**

- Excludes Senior Executive contracted staff (HES, SES, s24/70 and DCEO).
- Excludes staff that have separated but have continued with Queensland Health as a Casual Employee.
- Temporary Separations include Resident Medical Officers that have completed a training period with Queensland Health.
- The FTE reported in the table reflect MOHRI methodology for occupied FTE.

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**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**NO. 16**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

I refer to pages 61-66 of Budget Paper 3 of the 2012-13 Budget. Can the Minister provide an itemised list, with budgeted expenditure by source, of hospital and health service building projects for which funding is provided in this year's budget, along with the start date and scheduled completion date for each project.

ANSWER:

Queensland Health's capital works program includes in excess of 200 projects, ranging from the delivery of new tertiary hospitals on green-field sites, to expansion and refurbishment of smaller regional hospitals and community based facilities across the State.

The program includes three new tertiary hospitals valued at over \$1B each:

- Gold Coast University Hospital (\$1.76B for completion in 2012);
- Queensland Children's Hospital (\$1.4B for completion in late 2014); and
- Sunshine Coast University Hospital (\$1.8B (\$1.87B including capitalised interest) for completion in 2016).

The \$5.675B program to 2015-16 is generating approximately 40,000 construction jobs over the life of the projects.

The requested information is set out in the table below:

<b>Project</b>	<b>2012/13 budget (\$'000)</b>	<b>Construction Commencement</b>	<b>Construction Complete</b>
Robina Health Precinct	1,751	February 2011	Early 2012
Thursday Island Chronic Disease Centre	10,000	October 2010	November 2012
Theodore Private Practice Clinic	1,439	December 2012	July 2013
Indigenous Primary Health Care Centre of Excellence Inala	2,750	April 2012	December 2012
Saibai Island PHCC	3,668	September 2012	December 2013
Caboolture Hospital Education and Skills Centre	2,747	November 2011	January 2013
Cairns Base Hospital Redevelopment	99,046	October 2008	March 2015
Gold Coast University Hospital	207,417	September 2009	December 2012

<b>Project</b>	<b>2012/13 budget (\$'000)</b>	<b>Construction Commencement</b>	<b>Construction Complete</b>
Ipswich Hospital Additional Beds	60,500	November 2011	February 2013
Mackay Base Hospital Redevelopment	84,732	June 2009	August 2014
Mount Isa Health Campus Redevelopment	25,237	July 2010	December 2013
Princess Alexandra Hospital Emergency Department (Additional Bed Capacity)	4,004	December 2008	July 2011
Queensland Children's Hospital	400,446	October 2008	December 2014
Queensland Children's Hospital Academic and Research Centre	24,920	October 2012	December 2014
Robina Hospital Expansion	25,445	April 2009	April 2012
Rockhampton Hospital Expansion	32,393	February 2008	November 2013
Sunshine Coast University Hospital	31,740	September 2012	September 2016
Townsville Hospital Expansion	58,057	April 2009	June 2014
Atherton Hospital Rural & Remote Rectification	9,900	Late 2012	June 2013
Ayr Hospital Rural & Remote Rectification	2,480	Late 2012	June 2013
Biloela Hospital Rural & Remote Rectification	7,150	Late 2012	June 2013
Charleville Hospital Rural & Remote Rectification	3,300	Late 2012	June 2013
Charters Towers Hospital Rural & Remote Rectification	3,000	Late 2012	June 2013
Emerald Hospital Rural & Remote Rectification	8,000	Late 2012	June 2013
Kingaroy Hospital Rural & Remote Rectification	2,000	Late 2012	June 2013
Longreach Hospital Rural & Remote Rectification	7,000	Late 2012	June 2013
Mareeba Hospital Rural & Remote Rectification	2,000	Late 2012	June 2013
Roma Hospital Rural & Remote Rectification	3,000	Late 2012	June 2013
Thursday Island Hospital Rural & Remote Rectification	1,450	Late 2012	June 2013
Sarina Hospital Rural & Remote Rectification	2,300	Late 2012	June 2013
Translational Research Institute Facilities	45,436	May 2010	May 2013
Cloncurry Aged Care Annex	2,775	February 2012	February 2013



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**NO. 17**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

With reference to page 14 of the Queensland Health Service Delivery Statement, can the Minister detail how many Minimum Obligatory Human Resource Information (MOHRI) FTEs are projected to be employed in Queensland Health and in each of its 17 Hospital and Health Services at the end of the financial year 2012 / 2013?

ANSWER:

Within the service agreement of each Hospital and Health Service (HHS), a MOHRI FTE target full year actual has been projected for the 2012 / 2013 financial year. The target has been calculated based on the budgetary requirements of the HHS. The actual MOHRI FTE measure is also an escalation key performance indicator within each service agreement and monitored monthly.

It is estimated that HHSs will have a MOHRI FTE of 57,647 as at 30 June 2013. This is prior to the transfer of identified functions and FTE from the System Manager to HHSs.

It is estimated that the System Manager will have a MOHRI FTE of 1,899 as at 30 June 2013. This is prior to the transfer of identified functions to HHSs.

It is estimated that Commercialised Business Units will have a MOHRI FTE of 6,564 as at 30 June 2013.

A breakdown of this data is detailed in the below table:

<b>Hospital and Health Service</b>	<b>MOHRI FTE Target Full Year Actual</b>
Cairns and Hinterland	3,673
Cape York	370
Central Queensland	2,621
Central West	273
Children's Health Queensland	1,801
Darling Downs	3,794
Gold Coast	5,089
Mackay	1,777

Metro South	10,572
Metro North	12,886
North West	609
South West	653
Sunshine Coast	3,511
Townsville	4,540
Torres Strait-Northern Peninsula	403
West Morton	2,507
Wide Bay	2,568
<b>Hospital and Health Service Total</b>	<b>57,647</b>
<b>System Manager</b>	<b>1,899</b>
<b>Commercialised Business Units</b>	<b>6,564</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,110</b>

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**NO. 18**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

I refer to page 1 of the Queensland Health Service Delivery Statement. Can the Minister detail the staffing establishment and functions of the Clinical Workforce Solutions Unit and its teams as at 24 March 2012 and the anticipated number of positions at the end of the financial year 2012/13 (in table format reported separately by function, job title and salary level)? Will this Unit remain responsible for recruitment and pre-appointment checks of overseas trained doctors, nurses and allied health professionals?

ANSWER:

Clinical Workforce Solutions is made up of the Work For Us Unit and the Registration Assessment Placement Training and Support Program (RAPTS). Significant organisational change occurred within Queensland Health on 1 July 2012 when the Government established Hospital and Health Service Boards to manage frontline health services across the State. This means that many of the functions originally located within the Queensland Health Corporate Office are progressively being devolved to Hospital and Health Service Boards in line with National Health reform obligations to which the former government agreed.

As a consequence of these changes and as from 30 September 2012, the Work For Us team will be reduced in size as management responsibility for many aspects of clinical workforce recruitment is taken over by Hospital and Health Services. Arrangements are being made for individual Hospital and Health Services to access the Work For Us clinical candidate pool via their local Human Resource Unit.

Strategic clinical attraction and recruitment advice and support will continue to be available via Human Resource Services within Queensland Health's System Manager.

Queensland Health will also continue to strengthen its relationship with Health Workforce Australia, which has responsibility at a national level for clinical employment attraction.

Staffing numbers as requested are detailed below:

<b>Work For Us as at 24 March 2012</b>			
<b>Function/Job title</b>	<b>Salary Level</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Number</b>
Director, Work For Us	SO2	P	1
Executive Support Officer, Work For Us	AO3	P	1



Team Leader, Candidate Management	AO6	P	1
Project Officer (Database Reporting) – Candidate Management Team	AO5	P	1
Assistant Project Officer – Candidate Management Team	AO4	P	7
Senior Project Officer (Vacancy Management)	AO6	P	1
Assistant Project Manager - Marketing	AO4	P	1
Principal Project Officer – Clinical Recruitment	AO7	P	2
District Liaison Officer	AO6	P	1
Web Projects Co-Ordinator	AO5	P	1
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>17</b>
<b>Work For Us anticipated as at end of 2012/2013 Financial Year</b>			
<b>Function/Job title</b>	<b>Salary Level</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Number</b>
Senior Strategic Advisor – (Clinical Recruitment)	AO7	FT - Perm	1
Principal Strategic Advisor (Clinical Recruitment)	AO6	FT - Perm	1
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2</b>

The restructure of Queensland Health will also see a change in the way registration processes are managed. This activity will transition to become a responsibility of the Hospital and Health Services. This will mean that the Registration Assessment Placement Training and Support (RAPTS) Program will be restructured.

A component of RAPTS, the Queensland Health Registration team, which is responsible for the checking and collation of applications for registration from International Medical Graduates (IMGs), will be reduced in size. These functions are being picked up by medical administration staff in Hospital and Health Services in consultation with officers of the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency.

The Office of the Principal Medical Officer (OPMO) will retain an International Medical Graduates policy and advice area.

Staffing numbers as requested are detailed below:

<b>RAPTS as at 24 March 2012</b>			
<b>Function/Job title</b>	<b>Salary Level</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Number</b>
Clinical Director	MOI2	FT - Perm	1
Director, RAPTS	SO1	PT - Perm	1.2
Manager, RAPTS	AO8	FT - Perm	1
Principal Project Officer, RAPTS	AO7	FT - Perm	1
	AO7	PT - Perm	1
Senior Project Officer, RAPTS	AO6	FT - Perm	1
Team Leader, PESCI	AO6	FT – Perm	1
Manager, CIMG	PO5	FT - Perm	1
Team Leader, Registration Team	AO6	FT – Perm	1
Assistant Project Officer, PESCI	AO4	FT – Perm	1
Coordinator CIMG	AO4	FT - Perm	1

Assistant Project Officer, Registration Team	AO4	FT - Perm	1
Assistant Project Officer, Registration Team	AO4	FT - Perm	1
Assistant Project Officer,Registration Team	AO4	FT - Perm	1
Educator, CIMG Northern	PO4	FT - Perm	1
Educator, CIMG Southern	AO6	FT - Perm	1
Administration Officer, CIMG	AO3	FT - Perm	1
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>17.2</b>
<b>RAPTS anticipated as at end of 2012/2013 Financial Year</b>			
Principal Medical Officer	MOI2	FT - Perm	1
Director, OPMO	SO1	PT - Perm	1.2
Principal Policy Officer, OPMO	AO7	FT - Perm	1
Senior Policy Officer, OPMO	AO6	FT - Perm	1
Manager CIMG	PO5	FT - Perm	1
Assistant Policy Officer, OPMO	AO4	FT - Perm	1
Educator, CIMG	PO4	FT - Perm	1
Educator, CIMG	AO6	FT - Perm	1
Administration Officer, CIMG	AO3	FT - Perm	1
Program Coordinator, PESCI	AO6	FT – Perm	1
Program Administration Officer, PESCI	AO4	FT – Perm	1
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>11.2</b>

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**NO. 19**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

I refer to page 16 of the Queensland Health Service Delivery Statement. Will the Minister explain the strategic framework through which the state's contribution to the Prevention, Promotion and Protection service area will be made and whether this planning process includes the 2005-2015 Queensland Strategy for Chronic Disease, and extension of the Queensland Health Population Health Plan 2007-2012 and its subordinate Strategy Directions Statements for cancer prevention and control; communicable disease; environmental health; chronic disease; HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and sexual health; injury prevention and safety promotion; mental health promotion; and quality management? Will state performance standards for this Service Area be retained in future Service Delivery Statements?

ANSWER:

In September, I announced changes to the delivery of preventive health services in Queensland. These changes align with National Health Reform, which will provide new opportunities for the delivery of health services across Queensland, and enable greater local decision making through the establishment of local Hospital and Health Services.

Many sectors, including Hospital and Health Services (HHSs), the Community Sector, other government agencies, local government and business, can play a role in encouraging people to lead healthier lives. Medicare Locals will be expected to support and embed prevention at different levels of the system as a core part of their work. I am looking to the Federal Government to increase support for primary and preventive health through Medicare Locals and the Australian National Preventive Health Agency, in line with commitments that have been made in Queensland in relation to health promotion, illness prevention and detection.

Within Queensland Health's System Manager, the Chief Health Officer Branch has ongoing responsibility for prevention, promotion and protection functions, including setting system-wide objectives and targets in line with government policy direction, focusing the direction of activities of the health system and developing necessary policy and standards.

In collaboration with all levels of government, HHSs, Medicare Locals and Non-Government Organisations, Preventive Health key priorities include improving nutrition, increasing physical activity, reducing tobacco smoking, reducing alcohol misuse and increasing sun safety.



Health Protection activities will continue to focus on the development, coordination, delivery and performance monitoring of regulatory systems in the areas of general environmental health, food safety, radiation health, medicines (including drugs of dependence), poisons, water quality standards, and private health facilities.

Communicable Disease surveillance, prevention and control is part of protecting the public health of Queenslanders. Key priorities include coordination of Queensland's immunisation program, responses to disease outbreaks of statewide significance, monitors healthcare associated infections and their prevention, and planning for emerging pandemics and biosecurity threats.

With specific reference to HIV/AIDS, a Ministerial Advisory Committee has been established to provide independent advice on HIV prevention and awareness in Queensland. Queensland Health will retain existing state performance standards for HIV notifications and the Committee will advise on the utilisation of funding consistent with its key objectives.

Service areas will be reviewed for the 2013-14 Service Delivery Statements, to ensure that identified service areas appropriately represent the delivery of services and priorities under a reformed Queensland Health system. This review will consider existing indicators and proposals for new indicators, as well as their alignment with the intent of the Queensland Government Performance Management Framework, the 2012-13 HHS Performance Framework, Queensland Health's Strategic Plan and national reporting requirements.

In relation to: the *Queensland Health Population Health Plan*, which outlined major service reforms for Queensland Health's population health function for the period 2007-2012; and the *Queensland Strategy for Chronic Disease 2005-2015* developed following the Queensland Health Systems Review in 2005, with funding commitments that were met back in 2009-2010, neither of these documents is current, nor are they directing ongoing planning processes within the Department.

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**NO. 20**

**ASKED ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2012**

ASKED OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)-

QUESTION:

I refer to the Indigenous specific service standards for Primary Health Care and Ambulatory Care on pages 18-20 of the Queensland Health Service Delivery Statement. Can the Minister detail grant funding to Indigenous Community Controlled Health Services and program funding to the 17 Hospital and Health Services that will ensure the key performance indicators for improved Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes included in each Hospital and Health Service service agreement are achieved?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government is committed to achieving improved health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The 2012-2013 key performance indicators in the Queensland Health Service Delivery Statement monitor the Queensland Government funded activity and performance that is directly aligned to the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) health related targets. Of relevance, the targets include halving the gap in mortality for children aged zero to four years by 2018 and closing the gap in life expectancy within a generation by 2033.

The Service Delivery Statement key performance indicators are based on a trajectory projected out to 2018 and 2033 (the life of the COAG targets) and are monitored annually at a statewide and Hospital and Health Services level.

The Queensland Government has committed targeted funding in 2012-2013 to address the biggest contributors to the health gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Queenslanders. This approach will help in setting Queensland along a projected trajectory leading to the closing of the health gap within the agreed timeframes.

In 2012-2013, funding of approximately \$63 million is available for targeted investments in Hospital and Health Services, and where appropriate the non-government sector, in the following areas: improving maternal, child and youth health services; early detection and intervention; reducing chronic disease (specifically those that are the main contributors to the life expectancy gap including cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes); and improving access to culturally appropriate health services.

Queensland Health has a robust Performance Management Framework in place that applies to all funding arrangements which ensures that this funding achieves the policy intent of improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes. This Performance Management Framework includes a monitoring and reporting process for core and grant funding, with a periodic review cycle to assess each initiative's overall performance and, where required, the appropriate redirection of investment to alternative initiatives.

Total Queensland Health expenditure on statewide health services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people was approximately \$750 million in the 2011-2012 financial year.





## Questions taken on Notice at Hearing and Responses

**ESTIMATES HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Asked on 17 October 2012**

**Hansard Ref: Page 63**

MRS MILLER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide details of the number of inpatient beds for the PA as at 24 March 2012?

ANSWER:

As at 24 March 2012, there were 804 overnight inpatient beds at the Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH).

The Member will be aware that I provided further details regarding the number of beds at the PAH during the Estimates Hearing and which are detailed at page 63 of the Record of Proceedings (Hansard) from 17 October 2012.

**ESTIMATES HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Asked on 17 October 2012

Hansard Ref: Page 65

MRS MILLER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)

QUESTION:

Torres Strait - Northern Peninsula - total WAU's in 2012-13 compared to 2011-12?

ANSWER:

In the 2012-13 Service Delivery Statement for Queensland Health, I am advised there is a transcription error in the Performance Statement for the Torres Strait - Northern Peninsula Hospital and Health Service (HHS) (page 151). The 2011-12 Estimated Actual Total Weighted Activity Units for Inpatients (including Critical Care) and Outpatients are incorrect:

- The figure of 7,390 listed for inpatients (including critical care) actually relates to total weighted activity units delivered by the Torres Strait – Northern Peninsula HHS, not just to inpatients.
- The figure of 1,384 listed for outpatients actually relates to inpatients, not outpatients.

The correct figures are shown in the revised performance statement below. The error in the published 2011-12 Estimates for the HHS has not impacted the accuracy of the Estimated Total Weighted Activity Units (Inpatients and Outpatients) delivered by Queensland Health and published on page 19 and 20 of the 2012-13 Service Delivery, nor the response to the pre-hearing Question on Notice.

The 2012-13 Target/Estimates for Weighted Activity Units for the Torres Strait - Northern Peninsula Area Hospital and Health Service are consistent with the 2012-13 Service Agreement.

**Performance Statement**

<b>Torres Strait – Northern Peninsula Hospital and Health Service</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2011-12 Target/est.</b>	<b>2011-12 Est. actual</b>	<b>2012-13 Target/Est.</b>
<b>Other measures</b>	1			
Total weighted activity units:				
• Inpatients (including Critical Care)			7,390 1,384	2,013
• Outpatients			1,384 5,350	6,593
• Sub acute			121	60
• Emergency Department		New	496	365
• Mental Health	2	Measure	38	53
Number of ambulatory service contacts (Mental Health)	2	New Measure	2,474	3,254



Torres Strait – Northern Peninsula Hospital and Health Service	Notes	2011-12 Target/est.	2011-12 Est. actual	2012-13 Target/Est.
Notes:				
1. The Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula HHS has a smaller set of measures than other HHSs as this reflects the different services that are provided within this HHS.				
2. The 2011-12 est. actuals for other measures were delivered by the former Health Service District, prior to the establishment of the Hospital and Health Service and were not subject to a service agreement with Queensland Health.				

**ESTIMATES HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Asked on 17 October 2012**

**Hansard Ref: Page 73**

MRS MILLER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)

QUESTION:

- (1) How much has it cost for Queensland Health to engage legal representation at dispute conferences?
- (2) Has Queensland Health previously needed legal representation in dealing with dispute resolutions with its employees or is this new?

ANSWER:

- (1) In terms of representation in dispute conferences, I am advised that the cost to Queensland Health in 2011-12 was approximately \$12,500.

This is based on rates which have not changed (other than for CPI adjustments) since the start of the Queensland Health Law Panel tender in 2009.

- (2) The Director-General answered this question at the Estimates hearing on 17 October 2012.

**ESTIMATES HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE**  
**HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Asked on 17 October 2012**

**Hansard Ref: Page 74**

MRS MILLER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH (MR SPRINGBORG)

QUESTION:

Has the Minister accepted any hospitality from McCullough Robertson over the years that you have been an MP?


ANSWER:

The Member's question relates to a period of time which extends over 23 years, including a period before which electronic records were kept. As such I cannot definitively answer the member's question.

A check of my records however confirms that at no stage since becoming Minister have I accepted any hospitality from McCullough Robertson.

As the Member for Bundamba appears to now be embracing the spirit of openness and accountability, I would call on the Member for Bundamba to demand the Opposition Leader abide by the resolution of the Parliament and release Labor's hidden and secret payroll legal advice.

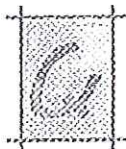




## Documents tabled at the hearing

Brief 48 /  
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Queensland



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17 September 2012

The Hon Lawrence Springborg  
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Dear Minister,

Thank you for your letter of 7 September 2012 concerning the future of healthcare services in Queensland.

The Queensland Council of Unions has, on behalf of its affiliate members, made our opposition to the reduction in employment and services within Queensland Health well known. We remain unconvinced that the cuts were necessary or derisible and the manner in which the change process has been handled by Government has also left much to be desired.

It is curious to note that in your letter that you blame unions for the 'payroll disaster'. It may be instructive for you to become familiar with the attempts made by union members and officials to warn the then Government of the risks associated with the payroll system that caused your predecessors so much political damage. These attempts were in fact blocked by senior officials of the Department who dismissed union members' and officials' quite realistic apprehensions as scare mongering.

I would be happy to arrange a briefing for you with officials of the relevant unions who attempted to warn the previous Government of what you have described as the 'payroll disaster'. I make this in an effort to set the record straight and to attempt to avert similar matters being hidden from the Minister in the future.

None the less, despite our obvious disagreement concerning the cuts to employment and services, it is appreciated that you have provided me with your letter. In that regard we also remain committed to working with Government to provide outcomes that are of mutual benefit to union members and the public of Queensland into the future.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned to personally discuss these matters.

Yours faithfully,

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5 September 2012

Dear Minister

IBM Australia has been a leading supplier of information technology, software and services in Australia for nearly 80 years. We have a large number of investments in Queensland which we plan to develop in the near future.

By way of background, our first Queensland office opened in Brisbane 1959 and we now have six offices in South East Queensland. Our current operations include the IBM's Asia Pacific Delivery Centre, established in Brisbane in 1999 and extended to the Gold Coast in 2005. This centre delivers high-value business process and transformation outsourcing services to clients across the Asia Pacific region to help them improve client satisfaction and productivity. Importantly these services are offered in over ten different languages from our BTO Centre including Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Cantonese. The Centre currently employs over 450 people.

IBM also operates a global development centre for IBM security software at Southport which is one of only nine specialist security operations centres globally. The Centre is part of our Australian Development Laboratory and employs over 80 staff in Queensland, which also provides all IBM Tivoli e-security software development for our global clients. In addition IBM operates an ISS Security Laboratory, as well as Business Continuity Data Centres in two locations in Brisbane.

As Minister for Health we appreciate your interest in the Shared Service Solutions Program which IBM entered into with the Queensland Government in 2007. In particular we understand your interest in the difficulties that CorpTech and Queensland Health experienced in administering the project.



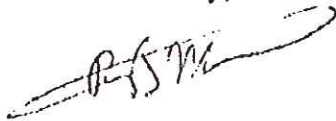
As you may be aware, IBM successfully delivered against milestones agreed with the Queensland Government and concluded the implementation of the project on agreed terms. IBM consistently delivered beyond the scope of the contract to assist Queensland Health to identify and address concerns with its payroll process. We delivered within the governance structure established by Queensland Health and CorpTech and outlined in the Auditor General's report.

IBM would very much like to meet with you to provide further background to the Queensland Health matter. We would be pleased to clarify with you any questions you may have about IBM's role and discuss how we can work together on mutually beneficial outcomes in Queensland.

We would be very pleased if your office would contact Ms Kaaren Koomen, Director of Government Affairs for IBM Australia, in regard to possible meeting dates. Ms Koomen can be contacted via email at [kaaren@au1.ibm.com](mailto:kaaren@au1.ibm.com) or via phone on 0412 625 963.

I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Morton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bob Morton  
Queensland State Manager  
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# Health Building

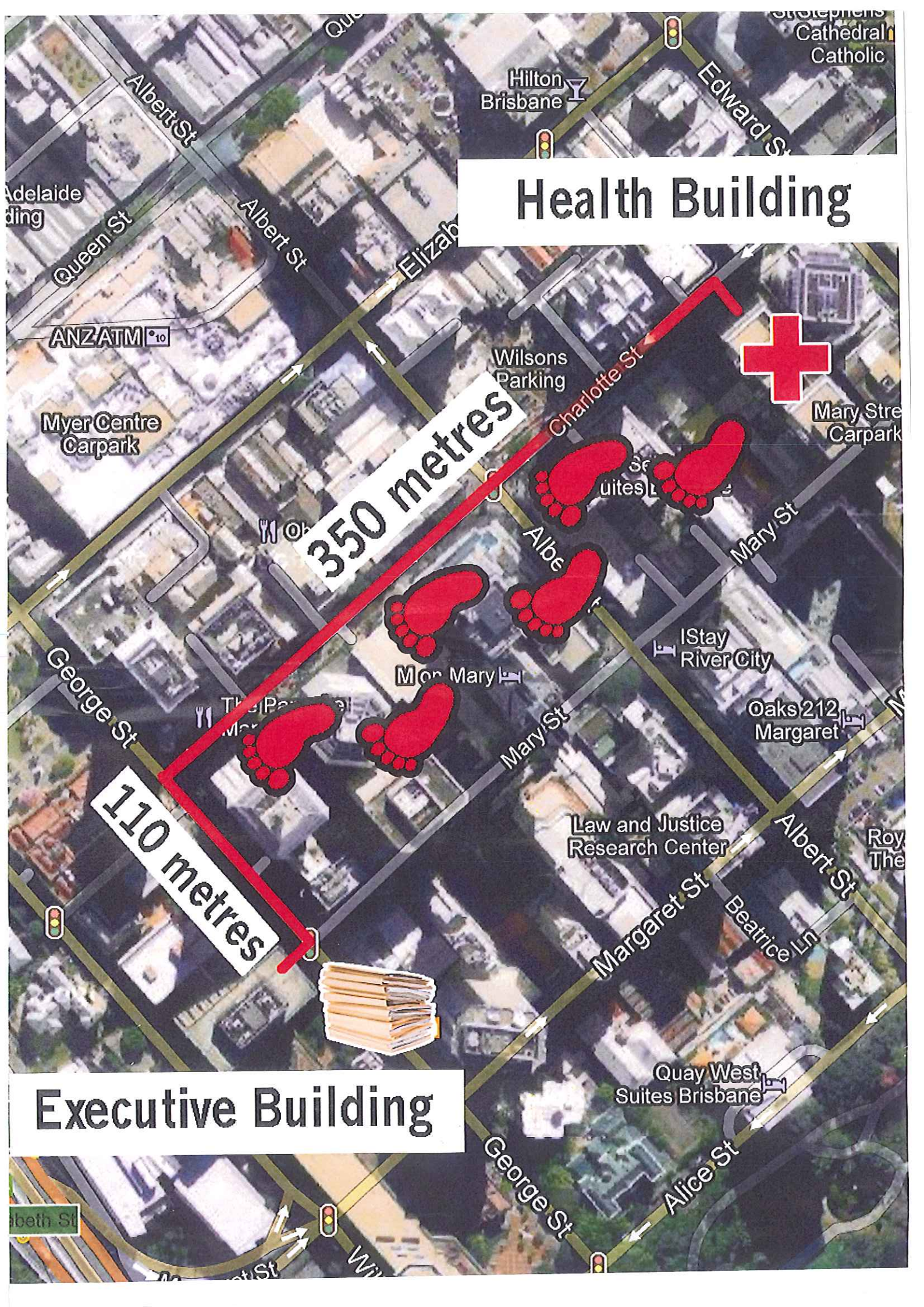


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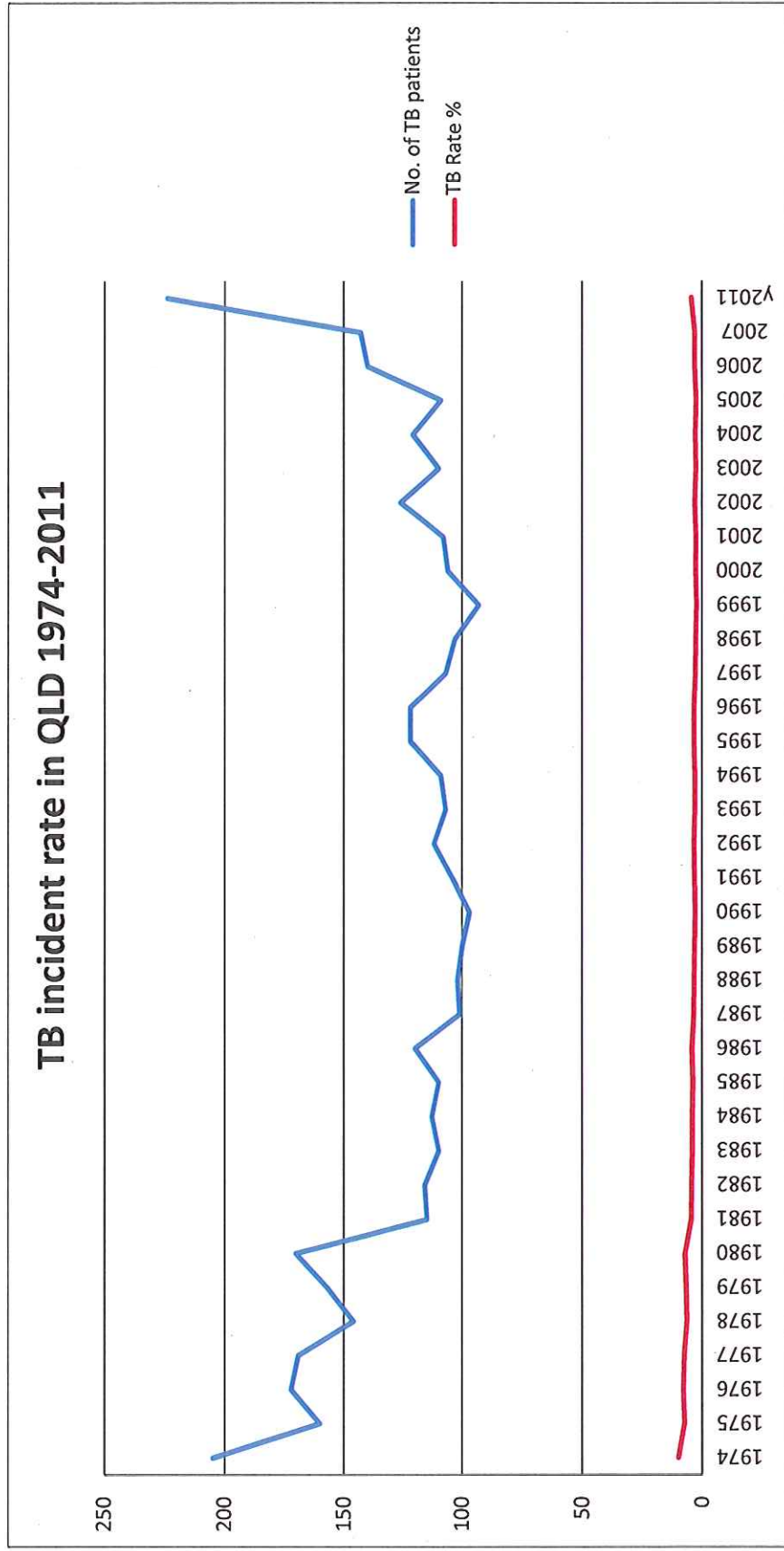


# Executive Building





This graph shows the number of tuberculosis patients in Queensland from 1974 to 2011. It also shows the rate of infection according to the population.



Source date: National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System and the Australian Bureau of Statistics



# Queensland spends \$1.2m a year on one mental health patient

- by: *Steven Wardill*
- From: *The Courier-Mail*
- October 01, 2012 12:00AM



Health Minister Lawrence Springborg says the case is another example of waste inherited from the Bligh government. Picture: Tim Marsden *Source: The Courier-Mail*

**SHE could be Queensland's most costly mental health patient. A middle-aged woman is being cared for at The Park mental health facility at a cost of \$1.2 million a year.**

Blatant bureaucratic buck-passing and a dispute between a union and a department have been blamed for the extraordinary cost of caring for an individual patient.

Health Minister Lawrence Springborg yesterday insisted the cost of the woman's care was just another case of waste he had inherited.

"This person should be out in some kind of community-care environment," he said.

"People must ask whether there is no end to the stupid waste of the previous government."

The woman, who is the subject of a forensic order and cannot be named, was returned to the Wacol institution in December last year by the Department of Communities.

According to a Queensland Health internal briefing note, the woman had been living in a unit under community care but staff had withdrawn "on union advice".

The woman's high needs have meant nurses at The Park are regularly required to fill overtime and casual shifts for her around-the-clock care.

With two staff rostered on at all times to three shifts daily, the care is costing the equivalent of 10 full-time nurses or \$1.2 million annually.

"Since the patient was subject to a forensic order to The Park, there was no alternative but to accept her return," the briefing note states.

"The initial indications from the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services were that they hoped to have addressed the staff concerns within one month."

However, the inability to resolve the issue has now dragged on for nine months, impacting on the patient who has a long history of assaulting staff.

"The patient has been managed in secure settings at this hospital for several years previously," the briefing note states.

"The experience is that management in a secure setting results in many more, not fewer injuries and assaults on staff."

Mr Springborg said discussions were in progress with several organisations to take over the woman's care.

"It really does raise the question about the most cost effective way of dealing with these sorts of issues," Mr Springborg said.

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland-spends-12m-a-year-on-one-mental-health-patient/story-e6freon6-1226484899150>



**Springborg's ramping vow. Quick discharges and admin shake-up to beat problem.**

RICHARD BRUINSMA

MINISTER for Health Lawrence Springborg says he has strategies under way to improve patient flow at Nambour General Hospital and help end ambulance ramping.

He said the ramping problem had been in the "too hard" basket and nobody was prepared to tackle it head on.

It could be best addressed by revamping current inefficient systems, he said.

Mr Springborg's solutions focus primarily on improving patient flow by better assessment and discharging patients promptly after treatment to free up beds.

It doesn't involve significant increased health spending to address the problem.

"What is happening is people are just being pushed around from pillar to post in dangerous situations," Mr Springborg said.

"If we address the root cause of the problem which is access block in our hospitals we discharge people when they should be discharged, we actually stream people better when they come into our emergency departments to ensure those people who can be seen by an allied health care professional, someone else, can be dealt with without actually going necessarily into the emergency department, the way we deal with patients upfront all of those sorts of things, will make a fundamental change.

"Bypass has become an excuse not to bite the bullet and address issues; it's got to stop and I'm prepared to do it."

He said similar strategies in Logan were having positive impacts.

"These little simple things, around management and delivery of outcomes and being very focused on that, are getting us some quite demonstrable remarkable results so that in line with the other initiatives will actually set us up very well for when the ban on ramping comes in on the first of January."

The strategies follow revelations yesterday that a seriously ill man died on the Sunshine Coast in May 2010 after he had been left waiting in the back of an ambulance outside the Nambour hospital emergency for four hours.

"We're all aware of that very very tragic incident that happened in 2010," he said.

"It happened under a previous administration. These things have happened.



They do happen. We don't like them happening.

They are tragic for the families.

"No one likes that happening, and we're determined to make sure that people are treated as well as they possibly can be."

Newspaper article from: **Cairns Post**  
Date: **Friday 03/08/12** Page: **online**

### **Strain relief: Five-month deadline to end ramping at hospital.**

Tarina White and Michael Serenc

CAIRNS Base Hospital management must implement major procedural changes in the emergency department within five months under sweeping Queensland reforms to reduce ambulance ramping.

Health Minister Lawrence Springborg has promised to adopt the 15 recommendations contained in a Queensland Health-commissioned report on ramping, a practice where patients are left on stretchers on hospital ambulance ramps while they wait to be treated in crowded emergency departments.

Under the reforms, which are set to start on January 1, 2013, all state hospitals will be banned from returning assessed patients to ambulances to wait for an emergency bed.

Patients must be assessed on arrival and a senior nurse will be dedicated to the emergency department waiting rooms in a bid to reduce the risks for patients waiting for treatment.

The changes come after senior hospital officials revealed in The Cairns Post that the facility is regularly at critical patient levels and is struggling to cope with a 15 per cent increase in admissions to the emergency department over the past 12 months.

Ramping deadline for hospitals Health staff said "Code Black" was called on a weekly basis at the hospital, meaning paramedics were forced to ramp outside the emergency department because the hospital was at extreme capacity. Health board chairman Bob Norman this week said a contributing factor to access block is that at any one time there were 20 to 30 patients not needing acute care at the hospital but waiting for disability services or nursing homes.

Hospital chief executive Julie Hartley-Jones earlier this week said a 12-bed flex-bed unit had been opened in the former oncology unit to relieve pressure on the emergency department.

The reforms call for improved processes to discharge sub-acute patients to free up in-patient hospital beds.

The reforms will also require patients to be taken off the stretcher and for paramedics to be allocated a dedicated space where they can support patients who have been assessed and are awaiting treatment.

The space provided to paramedics and patients must be in visible proximity to clinical emergency department staff and discrete from the waiting room.

Patients must also be handed over from ambulance staff to hospital staff within 30

minutes of their arrival.

Hospitals will be banned from going on "bypass" when their emergency departments are full, but that does not apply to Cairns Base Hospital because the facility does not have the option of sending ambulances to other hospitals.

Mr Springborg said he had written to the heads of health boards instructing that the reforms be implemented as soon as possible.

"By adopting a whole-of-hospital approach as recommended by the report, we will be improving the efficiency of our facilities and delivering faster, more appropriate care to the patients of Queensland," Mr Springborg said.

The Metropolitan Emergency Department Access Initiative report was prepared by prominent emergency physician David Rosengren.

The Cairns Post last month revealed details of the MEDAI report.

Ms Hartley-Jones yesterday said the health service would consider how the recommendations would impact on Cairns Base Hospital.

"The Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service will be considering the MEDAI report with respect to how it applies to regional and remote facilities in the coming weeks," she said.

Queensland Ambulance Service Far Northern Assistant Commissioner Rod Sheather welcomed the Government's decision to adopt the reforms.

"We'll work closely with Queensland Health to get it implemented so they resolve their ramping issues," Mr Sheather said.

United Voice FNQ state councillor Craig Crawford said the Cairns Base Hospital had already begun to implement some of the reforms.

Mr Crawford said paramedics had been supporting patients in the ED corridors for the past six months, rather than waiting in ambulances.

And he recently noticed the presence of a nurse dedicated to overseeing patients in the ED.

"It should be the start of the unravelling of ramping," Mr Crawford said.

The new rules come as an internal document shows a man spent four hours in an ambulance and later died in a southeast Queensland emergency department.

In Queensland Health's first admission that ramping has proven fatal, documents into a man's death show Nambour General Hospital's emergency department was "under extreme capacity" resulting in him waiting in a queue for four hours and only being



admitted when his health "deteriorated and he became unconscious".

The report obtained by The Courier-Mail under Right to Information laws shows handwritten notes indicating he was in the care of Queensland Ambulance Service from 6.20pm before being "brought directly to resus bay" at 10.30pm in May, 2010.

#### STEPS TO END HOSPITAL RAMPING

Every hospital and health service to provide a 24-hour point of contact for the Queensland Ambulance Service on emergency department access

Queensland Health to set up a key performance indicator for Patient Off-Stretcher Time in future Service Level Agreements for hospital and health services

QH to review the hospital capacity escalation framework and implement it by January 1, 2013

QH to review the role of the Emergency Capacity Hospital Overview and internal ED capacity scores

Patient flow and bed management strategies to be implemented at all Queensland public hospitals

As at January 1, 2012, no hospital to have authority to divert ambulances to another hospital

QAS to be responsible for ambulance load sharing into emergency departments

Triage must occur on arrival

Senior-level Clinical Initiative Nurses in waiting rooms of all major EDs

Patients not to return to the back of an ambulance post triage

QH and QAS to introduce formal education modules into mandatory training to ensure all paramedics and triage staff have a clear understanding of each others' roles

A Patient Off-Stretcher Time policy to ensure the time from arrival to handover from QAS to the hospital is less than 30 minutes to be implemented by January 1, 2013

QAS to review the role of QAS hospital liaison officers to optimise their contributions

An inter-hospital transfer directive to be developed whereby patients not requiring specialist emergency medical care do not pass through EDs

A new high-level Emergency Services Management Committee to advise the minister on access to (and delivery of) public hospital EDs and monitor the implementation of the recommendations.



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Member for Inala  
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Dear Ms Palaszczuk

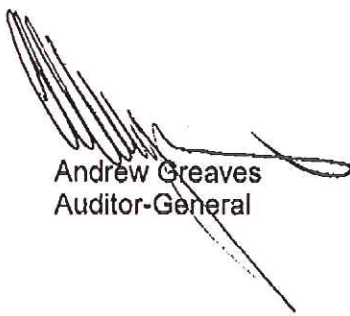
Thank you for your letter dated 25 June 2012 regarding the cost of repairs to Queensland Health payroll system.

I note that of the \$1.253b the KPMG Report estimated that the system will cost the State to 2017, \$1.008b is to be spent maintaining payroll operations and \$245.5m on determining the longer term solution for the payroll system.

As part of my 2011-12 financial audit of Queensland Health, I am examining the payroll system and cost issues and will report on its status in a Report to Parliament later this year.

If you require any further information, please contact me or have one of your officers contact Mr P Brahman, Assistant Auditor-General, on 3149 6020.

Yours sincerely



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## Answers to Questions on Notice

## **Government Question on Notice**

**No. 1**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

### **QUESTION**

With the shortage of child specialist sexual abuse counselling within the Cairns area, will the Minister please outline how the \$1 million for specialist sexual abuse counselling services will assist young people in out-of-home care and their families?

### **ANSWER**

The new sexual abuse counselling service is a first for Far North Queensland. It will provide a specialist therapeutic response to the needs of individual children who have experienced sexual abuse, in addition to support to their non-offending family members, carers and support workers.

This new specialist sexual abuse counselling service in Far North Queensland is funded to support the needs of children referred exclusively by Child Safety Service Centre staff in Atherton, Cairns and Innisfail.

The annual grant funding of \$250,000 will prioritise counselling support to children and young people aged five to 18 years. The principal aim of the new service is to ensure ongoing safety for the child and stability within their out-of-home care placement, and where capacity exists, establishing stability within the child/young person's family.

The specialist support will be offered to children and young people, their carers and non-offending family members by experienced and appropriately qualified workforce of counsellors from the non-government sector.

Sexual abuse has a range of social, emotional and behavioural impacts for children including: poor self-concept, disruption to social and cognitive functioning, poor interpersonal relationships with peers and other family members, reduced social functioning, family breakdown, behavioural problems such as sexually inappropriate behaviour, increased risk for revictimisation, trauma, anxiety, depression and other mental health issues.

The delivery of the new counselling service will complement the existing efforts of foster carers and residential care staff supporting children in the non-government out-of-home care sector through greater collaboration and use of specialist sexual abuse counsellors. Each child referred to the new service will have specific therapeutic goals that over time will have a positive effect on the child's life and those who support the child in a variety of caring roles.

I am pleased to advise that up to 38 individual children or young people will receive counselling support in addition to the numerous family members and carers that will also benefit from the collective effort from the child's support network to address the traumatic personal effects of sexual abuse.

The Cairns based sexual abuse counselling service will commence full service delivery operations in early 2013. An announcement of the successful organisation that will provide the counselling service will be made at the conclusion of a funding process that commenced in mid-September 2012. I anticipate making this announcement in late October or early November 2012.



## **Government Question on Notice**

**No. 2**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

### **QUESTION**

What are the key outcomes of the \$4 million Fostering Families trial and how will they benefit not only the trial locations of Maryborough and Toowoomba, but how will they benefit all of Queensland?

### **ANSWER**

The Fostering Families trial over two years is the first family support program in Queensland designed specifically to target childhood neglect. The Fostering Families initiative will intervene with consenting families earlier thereby reducing the need for ongoing intervention from the department. By improving the skills and existing strengths of parents, Fostering Families will reduce the overall cost of supporting children in out-of-home care or other forms of intervention from Child Safety Service Centres.

Fostering Families will deliver early intervention and prevention support to families in three Child Safety Service Centre (CSSC) geographical catchment areas: Brisbane South (including Stones Corner, Mount Gravatt and Wynnum CSSCs); Toowoomba (including Toowoomba North and South CSSCs); and Maryborough CSSC.

The trial grant funded initiative will assist 300 families a year through the provision of intensive, practical and in-home support that results in improved safety conditions for the children referred, and a reduction in the likelihood of ongoing harm to a child caused by neglect.

Fostering Families places a heavy emphasis on developing practical parenting skills. This includes improving the safety conditions and routines within the family home, and building stability and greater attachment between the parent and child. Practical support may include teaching and educating parents how to better understand their child's developmental needs, learning how to cook, how to clean the house and do the laundry. It may also include supporting the family to manage their household income to ensure the child's basic needs for food and stable housing are achieved. Learning to better manage their personal behaviour and conduct with other people is also part of the range of help that will be provided.

Families referred to the initiative will also be aided through the participation of other specialist services coordinated by the Fostering Families service providers. This includes direct assistance from domestic violence counselling and support services, disability services, mental health and drug and alcohol support and housing services.

It is well known that the provision of early support to families that struggle in their parenting role reduces the likelihood for government intervention to place children in out-of-home care. Fostering Families extends this concept by targeting neglect issues which historically account for the majority of reports of concern made to the department annually. The program will be closely monitored so the successful elements are adopted in other Queensland family support programs funded by the Queensland Government to benefit other vulnerable Queensland families.



## **Government Question on Notice**

**No. 3**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

### **QUESTION**

Will the Minister outline the benefits of extending support for young people leaving state care from 18–21?

### **ANSWER**

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring all children in care aged 15 and over have a transition from care plan that offers personal support for them up to 21 years of age.

Young people transitioning from out-of-home care have unique needs that require targeted and specific intervention.

Young adults leaving care are more likely than other young people to experience disadvantage, e.g. homelessness, unemployment, mental health issues or have contact with the criminal justice system.

The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services is investigating options to enhance transition from care and post-care services offered to young people in Queensland to support them through to age 21.

We will implement reforms of the transition from care that will include offering support to young people who were formerly in care to the age of 21.

We currently have a number of strategies to assist these young people, including:

- Life Without Barriers Transition from Care service in the Beenleigh, Goodna and Logan areas to assist young people leaving care to overcome barriers in accessing suitable education, training, employment, housing and health services.
- Youth Housing and Reintegration Service and After Care Services, which is funded under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness. These services have a strong focus on engaging young people in education, training and employment activities, as well as establishing and maintaining successful tenancies to ensure young people transition to greater independence and stability.
- Transition Officer program, which is targeted towards supporting young people with a disability who are turning 18 years of age and transitioning from care to community-based living and independent adult life.
- The Young People Exiting the Care of the State program, operated by Disability Services, ensures continuity of support for young people with disabilities when they turn 18 and leave care.

## **Government Question on Notice**

**No. 4**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

### **QUESTION**

I refer to the Government's investment of \$15 million over three years towards the Elderly Carers Innovation trial. Will the Minister please outline how this innovation trial will assist older carers and their families?

### **ANSWER**

The Queensland Government acknowledges the serious concerns held by older parent carers of people with a disability in relation to certainty of care for their adult sons and daughters with a disability when they can no longer provide that care.

The Government has committed \$15 million over three years to invest in projects that will give parent carers more certainty about ongoing care for their adult child with a disability.

This initiative will focus on creating secure and sustainable housing and accommodation places for people with a disability with older parent carers.

This \$15 million is a one-off, flexible fund that will invest and contribute to projects that will help provide:

- new community living spaces;
- mixed disability and aged care developments; and
- home modifications.

This initiative will assist people who would otherwise wait on public housing lists, reside in boarding houses and hostels, stay long-term in hospital, or enter residential aged care.

An important aspect of this fund is that it will encourage partnerships and contributions from:

- families;
- disability trusts;
- non-government organisations;
- churches;
- housing companies;
- disability and aged care providers;
- philanthropic entities; and
- private sector and community-based financial organisations.

The Elderly Parent Carer Innovation Trial will be administered by the Queensland Treasury Corporation, with a small advisory board of nominees from the Treasurer, the Minister for Housing and Public Works and myself.

As one of the first steps in establishing how the trial will operate, I will convene a Roundtable before the end of this year of older parent carers and representatives of disability, housing, aged care, property development and financial organisations.



## Non-Government Question on Notice

No. 5

Asked on 28 September 2012

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

### QUESTION

How will "Your Life, Your Choice" change the way disability service grants are distributed across Queensland and how will this help revitalise frontline service delivery to people with disabilities?

### ANSWER

The Queensland Government is committed to strengthening front-line disability services for people with a disability, their families and carers.

On 4 September 2012, the Premier launched the Your Life Your Choice self-directed support framework. 1300 families will be offered the opportunity to self-direct their supports.

Your Life Your Choice will be rolled out in phases. Initially, across Queensland, self-directed support will be managed by non-government service providers (host providers) who will act as an intermediary between the person with the disability and service providers and suppliers. This approach is consistent with the requirements under the *Disability Services Act 2006* where funding will continue to be paid to approved non-government service providers.

However, people with a disability and their families will have greater choice and control about planning for, and purchasing their disability support services. This moves Queensland closer to the one of the hallmark features of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and establishes greater customer focus. A person can purchase services from one or many providers, and change providers if one or all of these services no longer meet their needs. This offers opportunities to improve frontline service delivery, with service providers developing more consumer-driven approaches and speciality services.

This first phase will commence in November 2012 with an invitation to people recurrently funded under the former Family Support Program to move to self-directed funding. From December 2012 people accessing new funding for the Flexible Respite and Post School Services will be able to access self-directed support. Further opportunities to self-direct will become available from January 2013 onwards.

The launching of the Your Life Your Choice framework to support people with disability and their families to have more choice and control over their disability supports is just the beginning. On 11 September 2012, the Disability Services (Your Life Your Choice) Amendment Bill 2012 was introduced into the Legislative Assembly. This proposes to enable funding to be provided directly to individuals or to another person on their behalf. This will change the way funding can be distributed and will provide people with a disability and their families even greater choice and control over their disability supports and services.



## **Government Question on Notice**

**No. 6**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

### **QUESTION**

I refer to the Government's investment of \$5.5 million each year for four years for flexible respite for young people aged 16 – 25 years and I ask. How will this money help support these young people and their families?

### **ANSWER**

The Queensland Government recognises the growing demand for flexible approaches in the delivery of respite supports for young people with a disability. The Flexible Respite initiative will provide flexible support options for young people who have high needs disabilities, between 16 and 25 years and their families.

These supports can assist young people with a disability to access their local community and build relationships, networks and skills. The support will also provide a respite outcome for carers of young people with a disability. Furthermore, flexible respite support is person-focused and strengths-focused in order to build the young person's and their family's resilience, capacity and skills.

Flexible respite support can include a variety of respite and respite effect supports to meet the young person's and their family's identified needs and preferences. These may include:

- learning and life skills development
- recreational and holiday programs
- other community access
- own home respite
- host family respite/peer support respite.

Through this initiative, approximately 200 new young service users and approximately 40 existing young service users will receive flexible respite supports on an annual basis over the next four years. Young people with a disability within this age range and, who have high needs, will need to participate in a needs assessment at their local service centre to be considered for supports through this initiative.

The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services has developed Your Life Your Choice, a self-directed initiative, which enables people with a disability and their families to have choice and control over their disability supports and services.

Young people and their families who have been prioritised for flexible respite support can choose between services that are managed and delivered by funded non-government providers, or self-direct their supports so they are specifically tailored to an individual's needs.

Information about flexible respite supports will be made available on the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services' website shortly.

## **Government Question on Notice**

**No. 7**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)

### **QUESTION**

How will the \$1 million for ParentConnect provide assistance to parents of newborns with a disability?

### **ANSWER**

In 2012–13, Parent Connect is being introduced to help parents of young children newly diagnosed with a disability to come to terms with and manage the effects of disability and developmental delay on the family.

Parent Connect is a key commitment of the Queensland Government and will deliver a statewide response to the needs of families with a newborn or newly diagnosed child with a disability.

Parent Connect offers the choice of three responses for parents to access the support they need. The three response types provide increasing levels of information and support to ensure that for the first 12 months, from identification, parents are supported every step of the way and have access to flexible, needs-based options. The three response options are:

1. Family Networks (designed to assist parents to access research, referral and information)
2. Community Capacity Building (focused on the provision of support and information to build community links)
3. Transition support (delivers funded support to access specialist services such as formal diagnosis if required).

By providing a tiered approach to support it is expected that Parent Connect facilitators will proactively manage emerging issues, address need as it happens, and plan for positive future outcomes for the child with disability, their parents and family. The Parent Connect facilitator will work beside parents to assist them with planning and capacity mapping to help determine the best possible response for their family, and offer a range of supports for up to 12 months to implement the changes.

The Queensland Government will deliver the Parent Connect initiative in eight locations, working in partnership with non-government organisations. The services model will include web based service delivery to ensure statewide coverage.

Mums and Bubs is a Queensland Health service staffed by nurses, to visit newborn parents' homes and conduct free community health clinics. In coordination with the services offered through Mums and Bubs, Parent Connect facilitators will take cross-referrals from that program, and direct referrals from other service providers, Disability Services or from individual families.



**Government Question on Notice**

**No. 8**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

**QUESTION**

How will the Government continue to provide essential services to the youth of Queensland?

**ANSWER**

The Queensland Government is committed to providing services for young people who are vulnerable and at risk of poor life outcomes such as homelessness or engagement with statutory systems like youth justice.

To this end we are continuing our investment over 2012–13 in the services that work directly with our most disadvantaged young people.

We will also be using this time to review current youth funding to ensure that every dollar invested in coming years goes to where it's needed and works to achieve improved life outcomes for our young people.

Importantly, opportunities for self development and growth for both vulnerable and mainstream young people as provided by the Duke of Edinburgh and Bridge Award Programs, Youth Parliament and the Indigenous Youth Leadership and Parliament Program, will continue.

In short, funding committed under the youth domain in 2012–13 will continue to be directed to support young Queenslanders to address barriers to participating successfully in their community.



## **Government Question on Notice**

**No. 9**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

### **QUESTION**

Can the Minister outline the eligibility criteria for the \$4 million Caring for our Community grant scheme and how this will help benefit local communities?

### **ANSWER**

Through the Caring for our Community small grants initiative, \$4 million will be provided over the next three years, to support community and volunteer groups by providing grants for essential equipment required to help them support Queenslanders. In 2012–13, \$1.35 million will be made available across the state. The grants will benefit community and volunteer groups by enabling them to direct more of their own funds to the provision of services and activities to support local communities.

The grants round will allow successful applicants to purchase equipment, such as whitegoods, software and sporting equipment, up to the value of \$5000. A small number of grants between \$5000 and \$15,000 will be considered for more significant equipment items, for example, making food preparation areas compliant with regulations.

The initiative will involve a fast and easy funding process for applicants. To be eligible for funding, applicants will need to demonstrate:

- they are a not-for-profit incorporated body or Parents and Citizens Association
- clear benefits of purchasing the equipment to vulnerable groups
- involvement of volunteers in the organisation.

The grants round will open in late October 2012 and close on 3 December 2012.

## **Government Question on Notice**

**No. 10**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

### **QUESTION**

What is the Queensland Government doing to reduce homelessness in Queensland? And how does this contribute towards the national partnership Agreement on Homelessness?

### **ANSWER**

The Queensland Government is working in partnership with community stakeholders and the Australian Government to support people to transition from homelessness to being housed or to prevent them from becoming homeless.

These partnerships help to ensure all specialist homelessness services delivered by the State are contributing to the national targets set out in the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH), including halving overall homelessness by 2020.

Under the NPAH, the Australian and Queensland governments are providing an additional \$284.6 million over five years (2008–09 to 2012–13) to reduce homelessness in Queensland. These funds comprise \$149.5 million of Queensland Government funds and \$135.1 million of Australian Government funds.

In 2011–12, the Queensland Government allocated \$100.8 million to support the delivery of 246 specialist homelessness services.

In 2010–11, a total of 25,100 people were supported by specialist homelessness services in Queensland. This figure was an improvement from 2009–10 (23,100) and 2008–09 (20,800), showing that homelessness services are reaching more and more vulnerable Queenslanders.

The Queensland Government is working to deliver 31 initiatives under the NPAH.

Some NPAH initiatives aim to assist people leaving child protection services, correctional and health facilities to ensure they do not exit into homelessness.

For example, in 2011–12 the Youth Housing and Reintegration Services Statewide After Care service received 244 referrals for young people aged 17–21 years who are exiting or have exited state care.

The service distributed \$534,455 in brokerage funds, of which 53 per cent were for household goods and 47 per cent to assist with access to education and training, housing and independent living skills.

Other NPAH initiatives focus on supporting people in private and public housing to sustain their tenancies. For example, the HomeStay Support services assist people at risk of homelessness to sustain their tenancies by supporting them to link to social supports, families, friends and community and to address issues that reduce their capacity to maintain tenancies. The 16 HomeStay services around the state assisted 3932 clients in 2011–12.

Key NPAH initiatives that assist chronically homeless people and rough sleepers to attain and maintain stable long-term accommodation include Brisbane Common Ground and Street to Home services.

Brisbane Common Ground, launched on 29 August 2012, is providing 146 units of long term housing to people who were previously sleeping rough and/or are low-income tenants. All tenants housed at Common Ground can access onsite support through a 24/7 concierge service to help them sustain their tenancies.

Street to Home services support rough sleepers and chronically homeless people to transition to stable housing. In 2011–12 the five Street to Home services (Cairns, Mareeba, Townsville, Brisbane and Gold Coast) assisted 1552 clients.

Homelessness Community Action Plans are being implemented in seven of Queensland's homelessness hot spots in Brisbane, Caboolture, Cairns, Gold Coast, Hervey Bay, Mount Isa and Toowoomba to drive local actions that reduce the number of people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Current focus for the plans is on engagement with the business sector and philanthropic groups to provide alternate funding sources for actions identified in the action plans.

The future of the NPAH beyond its current term to June 2013 will be the subject of discussion between the Queensland and Australian governments.



## **Non-Government Question on Notice**

**No. 11**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

### **QUESTION**

I refer to page 84 of Budget Paper 2 of the 2012-13 Budget. Will the Minister advise how many positions (broken down by permanent, temporary, casual and contract) have been abolished since 26 March 2012 in the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, listed by job title, salary level and location and/or departmental region?

### **ANSWER**

As at 23 September 2012, there have been 609 employee separations since the 26 March 2012:

- 87 permanent employees have accepted voluntary redundancies
- 517 temporary employees have separated
- nil casual employees have separated
- five contracted officers have ceased.

My department's realignment of its operations to make optimum use of resources and reduce expenditure has needed to occur primarily in central office corporate, policy and back office support staff and to a much lesser extent impacts on back office regional staff. My department has no plans to cut critical frontline positions such as Child Safety Officers and Residential Care Officers.

Ultimately, the reprioritisation of resources to frontline positions will enhance this department's frontline service delivery.

## Non-Government Question on Notice

No. 12

Asked on 28 September 2012

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

### QUESTION

I refer to table 5.4 on page 88 of Budget Paper 2, which shows a decrease in current grants funding by the Queensland Government in 2012-13. Will the Minister list all grant funding allocations that have been cut by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services for local governments, non-government and community organisations and projects in the 2012-13 State Budget, listed in the same format as used by the Health Minister in response to Question on Notice 445?

### ANSWER

It is an unfortunate fact that the former Labor Government left the Queensland Government's finances in a mess.

Despite this situation the Queensland Government has been able to increase funding in 2012-13 for specialist disability services and child safety services. The State has also honoured commitments to indexing recurrently approved grants.

Unfortunately as part of the necessary fiscal repair process some difficult funding decisions have had to be made. However, while some programs have been discontinued as they didn't reflect the Government's priorities, for the most part the fiscal repair measures have been applied by trimming programs rather than cutting them.

To achieve savings targets the Community Development Program, Youth Development and Support and Service Development for Community Care (provided through Queensland Health) will conclude from 31 December 2012. Funding for these agreements will be provided for the first six months of the 2012-13 financial year at the indexed rate. Three months advice has been provided to these organisations consistent with provisions of their service agreements.

Details of funding allocations that are concluding are in the table attached. The amounts reflect funding payable for the six month period from 1 July 2012 to 31 December 2012 only.

Organisation Name	Project	2012-13 Funding (\$ Exc GST)	Service Agreement End Date
ACRO Australian Community Safety and Research Organisation Inc	Community Support - Community Development	47,995	31-Dec-12
Alcohol and Drug Foundation Queensland	Public Intoxication - Reducing Demand	150,000	31-Dec-12
Blackall - Tambo Regional Council	Community Support - Community Development	137,963	31-Dec-12
Bundaberg Community Development Inc	Community Support - Community Development	46,371	31-Dec-12
Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service	Community Care	87,852	31-Dec-12
Cairns Regional Council	Community Support - Community Development	37,157	31-Dec-12



Organisation Name	Project	2012-13 Funding (\$ Exc GST)	Service Agreement End Date
Capella Tieri Middlemount Community Support Network Inc	Community Support - Community Development	111,140	31-Dec-12
Carpentaria Shire Council	Community Support - Community Development	122,046	31-Dec-12
Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service	Community Care	36,802	31-Dec-12
Central West Hospital and Health Service	Community Care	23,369	31-Dec-12
Community Connect Fraser Coast Inc	Community Support - Community Development	87,503	31-Dec-12
Cooktown District Community Centre Inc	Community Support - Community Development	50,406	31-Dec-12
Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service	Community Care	33,681	31-Dec-12
Deception Bay Community Youth Programs Association Inc	Youth Development & Leadership - Youth Engagement Grants	15,377	31-Dec-12
Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland Ltd	Community Support - Community Development	49,197	31-Dec-12
Fraser Coast Regional Council	Community Support - Community Development	96,523	31-Dec-12
Gay and Lesbian Welfare Association Inc	Community Support - Community Development	5,188	31-Dec-12
Glenden Progress Association Inc	Community Support - Community Development	5,262	31-Dec-12
Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service	Community Care	51,600	31-Dec-12
Good Shepherd Microfinance	Community Support - Community Development	124,500	31-Dec-12
Greek Orthodox Community of St George Brisbane	Community Support - Community Development	45,614	31-Dec-12
Health and Community Services Workforce Council Inc	Community Support - Community Development	327,777	31-Dec-12
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	Public Intoxication - Reducing Demand	82,762	31-Dec-12
Impact: Youth Organisations Reducing Crime Ltd	Youth Support - Sector Development Services	105,945	31-Dec-12
Isaac Regional Council	Community Support - Community Development	127,833	31-Dec-12
Kowanyama Justice Group Inc	Public Intoxication - Reducing Demand	79,787	31-Dec-12
Local Government Association of Queensland Inc	Youth Support - Sector Development Services	142,064	31-Dec-12
Logan City Council	Youth Development & Leadership - Youth Engagement Grants	30,139	31-Dec-12
Longreach Regional Council	Community Support - Community Development	46,371	31-Dec-12
Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District (Lutheran Community Care)	Community Support - Community Development	33,641	31-Dec-12
Mackay Hospital and Health Service	Community Care	61,847	31-Dec-12



Organisation Name	Project	2012-13 Funding (\$ Exc GST)	Service Agreement End Date
Mackay Regional Council for Social Development Ltd	Community Support - Community Development	62,491	31-Dec-12
Mensheds Australia Ltd	Public Intoxication - Reducing Demand	125,655	31-Dec-12
Metro North Hospital and Health Service	Community Care	407,970	31-Dec-12
Moranbah and District Support Services Association Inc	Community Support - Community Development	94,237	31-Dec-12
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Community Support - Community Development	33,639	31-Dec-12
Mundubbera Community Development Association Inc	Community Support - Community Development	120,015	31-Dec-12
National Council of Women of Queensland Inc	Community Support - Community Development	9,980	31-Dec-12
Palm Island Community Company Ltd	Public Intoxication - Reducing Demand	37,695	31-Dec-12
Queensland Program of Assistance for Survivors of Torture and Trauma Association Inc	Youth Development & Leadership - Youth Engagement Grants	29,546	31-Dec-12
Rockhampton Regional Council	Youth Development & Leadership - Youth Engagement Grants	30,754	31-Dec-12
Rockhampton Regional Council	Community Support - Community Development	114,013	31-Dec-12
Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Townsville	Public Intoxication - Community Patrol and Reducing Demand	487,537	31-Dec-12
Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Townsville	Community Support - Community Development	122,407	31-Dec-12
Sandgate and Bracken Ridge Action Group Inc	Community Support - Community Development	195,527	31-Dec-12
Somerset Regional Council	Community Support - Community Development	121,168	31-Dec-12
South Burnett CTC Inc	Public Intoxication - Diversion Centre	249,079	31-Dec-12
South Burnett CTC Inc	Public Intoxication - Reducing Demand	136,964	31-Dec-12
South Burnett CTC Inc	Public Intoxication - Community Patrol	96,864	31-Dec-12
South Burnett CTC Inc	Public Intoxication - Addressing Volatile Substance Misuse	46,518	31-Dec-12
South West Hospital and Health Service	Community Care	21,969	31-Dec-12
Southern Downs Regional Council	Youth Development & Leadership - Youth Engagement Grants	30,754	31-Dec-12
Sunshine Coast Youth Partnership Inc	Youth Development & Leadership - Youth Engagement Grants	17,203	31-Dec-12
Tablelands Regional Council	Youth Development & Leadership - Youth Engagement Grants	30,754	31-Dec-12
Tablelands Regional Council	Community Support - Community Development	53,405	31-Dec-12

Organisation Name	Project	2012-13 Funding (\$ Exc GST)	Service Agreement End Date
The Advocacy and Support Centre Inc	Community Support - Community Development	44,116	31-Dec-12
The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane - Cooloola Family and Community Development	Community Support - Community Development	48,280	31-Dec-12
The Corporation of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane	Community Support - Community Development	140,740	31-Dec-12
The Youth Network NQ Inc	Youth Development & Leadership - Youth Engagement Grants	30,754	31-Dec-12
Toowoomba Regional Council	Community Support - Community Development	122,411	31-Dec-12
Townsville Hospital and Health Service	Community Care	67,323	31-Dec-12
West Moreton Hospital and Health Service	Community Care	29,571	31-Dec-12
Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service	Community Care	31,039	31-Dec-12
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Council	Public Intoxication - Reducing Demand	82,763	31-Dec-12
Youth Affairs Network of Queensland Inc	Youth Support - Youth at Risk	141,228	31-Dec-12

**Non-Government Question on Notice**

**No. 13**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

**QUESTION**

I refer to Schedule 2 in the Appropriation Bill 2012, outlining the 2012-13 funding allocation for the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services. Will the Minister list every work unit, branch and/or division that has been abolished within the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, and the number of staff positions contained within each abolished work area, as part of the process of developing the 2012-13 State Budget.

**ANSWER**

The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services has restructured, reconfigured and retitled work units, branches and divisions, therefore it would be incorrect to say that any work units, branches or divisions have been abolished.

The department continues to deliver all services and functions including Child Safety Services, Community Services and Disability Services to the communities of Queensland.

As part of meeting the department's fiscal repair contribution, the department will reduce its full-time equivalent (FTE) workforce from 6757 as at 30 June 2012 to 6045 by 30 June 2013. This reduction of 712 FTEs relate to savings in the support and corporate areas of the department. Frontline services will be maintained and are not impacted by these reductions.

These organisational arrangements for the department will give the focus where it should be—on service delivery to vulnerable clients and communities across Queensland.



**Non-Government Question on Notice**

**No. 14**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

**QUESTION**

I refer to the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services staffing estimates on page 9 of the Service Delivery Statement. Will the Minister advise how many positions in the Department (broken down by permanent, temporary, casual and contract and listed by job title, salary level and location) managed or delivered child safety services in March 2012 and how many such positions exist today?

**ANSWER**

The total staff employed to manage or deliver child safety services as at the pay period ended 25 March 2012 was 2091.24 full-time equivalents (FTE) which included 900.44 FTE Child Safety Officers. In comparison there were 2043.71 FTEs as at the pay period ended 23 September 2012 which included 922.18 FTE Child Safety Officers.

The change in FTEs is largely due to a reduction in the overall number of temporary employees and this has occurred with no reduction in frontline services.

**Non-Government Question on Notice**

**No. 15**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

**QUESTION**

I refer to Note 2 on page 15 in the Service Delivery Statement. Can the Minister detail the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Safety Officers recruited from and working in their own communities, where those communities have high rates of protective orders?

**ANSWER**

As at September 2012, 17 Child Safety Officers (1.72 per cent) identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. In addition, 36 Child Safety Support Officers (19.45 per cent) identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, as of September 2012.

The department does not capture the level of information requested regarding Indigenous communities and Child Safety staff.

It is recognised that at times, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander departmental officers may identify a potential conflict of interest where the child may be part of extended family or close family friends. In this instance, the Manager may allocate the case to another staff member.

## **Non-Government Question on Notice**

**No. 16**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

### **QUESTION**

I refer to pages 4 and 6 of the SDS and pages 30, 31 and 32 of Budget Paper 2, which refer to grant funding savings of over \$368 million. Will the Minister outline which Non-Government Organisations (including but not limited to; Centacare, Endeavour Foundation, Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland, Queensland Council of Social Service Inc., Queensland Shelter Inc., St Vincent de Paul Society, Queensland Alliance, Queensland Advocacy Inc., Carers Queensland and Vision Australia), will have funding reductions, by name, the service they provide and figure in 2012-2013, in table format, compared to the funding source provided to the Non-Government Organisation in 2011-2012?

### **ANSWER**

It is an unfortunate fact that the former Labor Government left the Queensland Government's finances in a mess.

Despite this situation, the Queensland Government has been able to increase funding in 2012-13 for specialist disability services and child safety services. The State has also honoured commitments to indexing recurrently approved grants.

Unfortunately as part of the necessary fiscal repair process some difficult funding decisions have had to be made. However, while some programs have been discontinued as they didn't reflect the Government's priorities, for the most part the fiscal repair measures have been applied by trimming programs rather than cutting them.

A small number of program areas will experience a pro-rata reduction of 10 per cent with a limited number of larger peak bodies and networks experiencing a 17 per cent reduction. Program areas include youth services and larger neighbourhood centres.

From 1 January 2013, ongoing services in the areas of child safety and social inclusion will experience a one per cent efficiency dividend to services funded to deliver 24/7 services or those that operate 24/7 intake services. The one per cent efficiency dividend is being applied after their 2011-12 recurrent funding has been escalated by the promised 3.75 per cent indexation or an overall approximate increase in the order of 2.75 per cent.

A 3.75 per cent efficiency dividend will apply to all other services. Again the efficiency dividend will be applied after their 2011-12 recurrent funding has been escalated by 3.75 per cent indexation. The recurrent funding to be received in 2012-13 will approximate what they received in 2011-12.

The department encourages efficiencies, to offset these dividends, to be achieved as far as possible through reducing organisational, management and administrative costs to ensure services are maintained.

The 2012-13 Budget Papers set out Grants Funding Efficiencies amounting to \$259.7 million over four years and Grants Funding Reprioritisation amounting to \$108.7 million over four years, in aggregate a total of \$368.4 million over four years. However, it should be noted that offsetting this is additional funding of \$139.8 million over four years for the Child Safety Funding Shortfall.



Details of funding reductions by non-government organisation compared to 2011–12 funding levels are as follows:

Organisation Name	Service Area/s	2012-13 Funding Reduction
ACRO Australian Community Safety and Research Organisation Inc	Social Inclusion	50,677
AFL Cape York Ltd	Social Inclusion	7,418
Alternate Care Pty Ltd	Child Safety	35,939
Amparo Advocacy Inc	Disability	11,727
Bayside Adolescent Boarding Inc	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	39,725
Blackall - Tambo Regional Council	Social Inclusion	7,261
Bowen Shire Welfare Council Inc - Bowen Community Council	Social Inclusion	5,851
Bundaberg Community Development Inc	Social Inclusion	46,371
Burdekin Area Youth Watch Inc	Social Inclusion	6,760
Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service	Disability	87,852
Cairns Regional Council	Social Inclusion	38,978
Caloundra Community Centre Inc	Social Inclusion	9,054
Capella Tieri Middlemount Community Support Network Inc	Social Inclusion	5,849
Capricorn Citizen Advocacy Inc	Disability	7,687
Capricornia Training Company Ltd	Social Inclusion	12,446
Carpentaria Shire Council	Social Inclusion	8,059
Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service	Disability	36,802
Central West Hospital and Health Service	Disability	23,369
Cherbourg Murgon Youth and Community Combined Action Association Inc	Social Inclusion	6,368
Community Connect Fraser Coast Inc	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	89,424
Community Living Association Inc	Social Inclusion	19,058
Community Resource Unit Inc	Disability	26,086
Community Solutions Inc	Social Inclusion	32,894
Create Foundation Ltd	Child Safety	53,317
Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service	Disability	33,681

Organisation Name	Service Area/s	2012-13 Funding Reduction
Deception Bay Community Youth Programs Association Inc	Social Inclusion	19,165
Downs Industry Schools Cooperation Inc	Social Inclusion	25,249
Eagleby Community Association Inc	Social Inclusion	4,185
East Brisbane Community Centre Inc	Social Inclusion	6,533
Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland Ltd	Social Inclusion	49,197
First Contact Aboriginal Corporation for Youth	Social Inclusion	8,993
Foster Care Queensland Inc	Child Safety	80,514
Fraser Coast Regional Council	Social Inclusion	104,362
FSG Australia	Child Safety	59,371
Gallang Place Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	Social Inclusion	20,860
Ganyjuu Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Family Support Services	Child Safety	5,469
Gladstone Area Group Apprentices Ltd	Social Inclusion	15,781
Gold Coast Advocacy Inc	Disability	9,978
Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service	Disability	51,600
Goodna/Ipswich Youth and Community Action Association Inc	Social Inclusion	7,956
Greek Orthodox Community of St George Brisbane	Social Inclusion	45,614
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	Social Inclusion	82,762
ICYS Ipswich Community Youth Service Inc	Social Inclusion	39,407
Impact: Youth Organisations Reducing Crime Ltd	Social Inclusion	105,945
Inala Youth Care Community Inc	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	42,472
Injilinj Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Children and Youth Services	Social Inclusion	11,085
Ipswich Regional Advocacy Services Inc	Disability	7,697
Isaac Regional Council	Social Inclusion	35,439
Jabiru Community Youth and Children's Services Association Inc	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	15,212
Jimboomba Community Care Association Inc	Social Inclusion	6,225
Kowanyama Justice Group Inc	Social Inclusion	79,787
Kuranda Information and Support Centre Association Inc	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	8,875

<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>Service Area/s</b>	<b>2012-13 Funding Reduction</b>
Logan East Community Neighbourhood Association Inc	Social Inclusion	6,808
Longreach Regional Council	Social Inclusion	47,778
Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District (Lutheran Community Care)	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	85,272
Mackay Advocacy Inc	Disability	15,103
Mackay Hospital and Health Service	Disability	61,847
Mackay Regional Council for Social Development Ltd	Social Inclusion	62,491
Mackay Youth Support Service Inc	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	24,238
MADEC Ltd	Social Inclusion	11,857
Mareeba Information and Support Centre Association Inc	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	7,567
Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	7,627
Marsden Education Association Inc	Social Inclusion	7,457
Mensheds Australia Ltd	Social Inclusion	125,655
Metro North Hospital and Health Service	Disability	224,639
Metro South Hospital and Health Service	Disability	57,677
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Social Inclusion	33,639
Mount Isa Family Support Service and Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Social Inclusion	6,776
Mount Isa Skills Association Inc	Social Inclusion	28,796
Mundubbera Community Development Association Inc	Social Inclusion	6,317
National Disability Services Limited	Disability	80,145
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Social Inclusion	6,187
NQ Community Services Inc	Social Inclusion	8,931
Nundah Community Support Group Inc	Social Inclusion	11,578
Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	11,674
Parent To Parent Association Qld Inc	Disability	46,127
PeakCare Queensland Inc	Child Safety	57,696
Picabeen Community Association Inc	Social Inclusion	20,366
Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak Ltd	Child Safety	56,058
Queensland Council of Social Service Inc	Social Inclusion	106,704



<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>Service Area/s</b>	<b>2012-13 Funding Reduction</b>
Queensland Program of Assistance for Survivors of Torture and Trauma Association Inc	Social Inclusion	6,312
Queensland Youth Housing Coalition Inc	Social Inclusion	21,972
Queensland Youth Services Inc	Social Inclusion	50,441
Redland Community Centre Inc	Social Inclusion	10,743
Rights In Action Inc	Disability	7,261
Rockhampton Regional Council	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	57,713
Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Townsville	Social Inclusion	509,408
Sandgate and Bracken Ridge Action Group Inc	Social Inclusion	12,572
Somerset Regional Council	Social Inclusion	7,215
South Burnett CTC Inc	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	610,318
South Coast Youth Health and Education Service (YHES House) Inc	Social Inclusion	17,861
South West Hospital and Health Service	Disability	21,969
Southern Downs Industry Education Association Inc	Social Inclusion	12,624
Tablelands Regional Council	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	61,220
The Advocacy And Support Centre Inc	Disability and Social Inclusion	64,385
The Community Place Inc	Social Inclusion	8,333
The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane - Cooloola Family and Community Development	Social Inclusion	48,280
The Independent Living Centre Association of Queensland Incorporated - LifeTec Queensland Inc	Disability	27,995
The Pyjama Foundation Ltd	Child Safety	3,072
The Redcliffe Area Youth Space Incorporated	Social Inclusion	5,560
The Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Cairns - Centacare Cairns	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	27,897
Toowoomba Regional Council	Social Inclusion	7,146
Townsville Hospital and Health Service	Disability	67,323
Vocational Partnerships Group Inc	Social Inclusion	38,146
West Moreton Hospital and Health Service	Disability	29,571
Whitsunday Community Services Inc	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	10,292

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service	Disability	31,039
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Council	Social Inclusion	82,763
YIRS One Stop Youth Shop Inc	Social Inclusion	13,176
Young Men's Christian Association of Bundaberg Inc	Social Inclusion	8,639
Young Parents Program Inc	Child Safety and Social Inclusion	15,412
Youth Affairs Network of Queensland Inc	Social Inclusion	141,228
Youth Empowered Towards Independence Inc	Social Inclusion	15,498

## **Non-Government Question on Notice**

**No. 17**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

### **QUESTION**

I refer to page 31 of Budget Paper 4. Will the Minister outline how \$9.6 million will be saved, over the forward estimates, within the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian and what services this will impact?

### **ANSWER**

As the Commissioner advised the Health and Community Services Committee on 22 August this year, the Commission's budget will be reduced by \$2.4 million each year over the forward estimate period.

In 2012–13, the Commission will fulfil this commitment through finalising its current program of creating efficiencies in its blue card processing and ICT network operations, the administration of its visiting function, savings in minor plant and equipment and the management of its temporary staffing profile, providing present assumptions related to blue card demand and the number of children and young people to be visited by the Commission hold true.

The anticipated flow on from this program of efficiencies in 2013–14 of renegotiated vendor contracts, further automation of blue card processes, reductions in software licence expenditure, and reduced plant and equipment expenditure is expected to save approximately \$1.4 million. Further savings will be made through generating technological and process efficiencies in the Commission's visiting function of approximately \$300,000 staff savings through a reduction in the scope of project work and ongoing attention to managing peak blue card demand periods estimated at approximately \$700,000.

The Commissioner also advises that she is taking account of the work being done by the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry (QCPCI) when prioritising the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian's activities this year to avoid overlapping work and will review the Commission's strategic priorities for 2013–14 in light of the QCPCI's recommendations for reforms to the child protection system in Queensland and the Government's response next year.

I have also advised the Commissioner that should the Commission be in a position that due to cost pressures beyond its control, it considers the annual grant to be insufficient for the year, I am to be advised immediately so that the government may consider the situation in the appropriate manner.



**Non-Government Question on Notice**

**No. 18**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

**QUESTION**

I refer to page 4 of the SDS. Will the Minister outline which community neighbourhood centres will be impacted due to the decision to cut funding to this area, by location, region and funding source for 2011–2012 to 2012–2013?

**ANSWER**

It is an unfortunate fact that the former Labor Government left the Queensland Government's finances in a mess.

Despite this situation the Queensland Government has been able to increase funding in 2012–13 for specialist disability services and child safety services. The State has also honoured commitments to indexing recurrently approved grants.

Unfortunately as part of the fiscal repair process some difficult funding decisions have had to be made. However, while some programs have been discontinued as they didn't reflect the Government's priorities, for the most part the fiscal repair measures have been applied by trimming programs rather than cutting them. Funding for the important contribution Neighbourhood Centres make to local communities has been retained, and no Neighbourhood Centres will have their funding ceased as a result of the Budget outcomes.

Funding for Neighbourhood Centres has been indexed from 1 July 2012 and will have an efficiency dividend applied from 1 January 2013.

The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services encourages efficiencies to be achieved as far as possible through reducing organisational, management and administrative costs to ensure services are maintained.

The location, region and funding allocations for 2011–12 and 2012–13 are provided in the attached table (Attachment 1).

**Community Neighbourhood Centres**

<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>2011-12 Funding \$</b>	<b>2012-13 Funding \$</b>
Acacia Ridge Community Support Inc	Acacia Ridge	Brisbane	102,485	103,165
Bay Islands Community Services Inc	Russell Island	South East	98,215	100,949
Beauresort Shire Health and Welfare Association Inc	Beauresort	South West	89,387	91,000
Beenleigh District Community Development Association Inc	Beenleigh	South East	104,808	104,369
Benarrawa Community Development Association Inc	Graceville	Brisbane	89,391	91,004
Bowen Shire Welfare Council Inc - Bowen Community Council	Bowen	North Qld	112,785	111,163
Bribie Island and District Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc	Bellara	North Coast	97,878	100,775
Bundaberg Regional Council	Childers	Central Qld	75,783	77,151
Bundaberg Regional Council	Gin Gin	Central Qld	75,779	77,147
Burdekin Community Association Inc	Ayr	North Qld	100,371	102,067
Burdekin Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc	Ayr	North Qld	89,390	91,003
Cairns Regional Council	Edmonton	Far North	93,594	95,283
Caloundra Community Centre Inc	Battery Hill	North Coast	174,542	172,034
Care Balonne Association Inc	St George	South West	124,194	122,409
Care Goondiwindi Association Inc	Goondiwindi	South West	135,000	133,059
Centacare Townsville	Cloncurry	North Qld	124,190	122,405
Charleville and District Community Support Association Inc	Charleville	South West	103,793	103,843
Charters Towers Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Lissner	North Qld	97,880	100,776
Chinchilla Family Support Centre Inc	Chinchilla	South West	89,388	91,001
Co As It Italian Australian Welfare Association Inc	Newmarket	Brisbane	90,380	92,011
Collinsville Community Association Inc	Collinsville	North Qld	97,881	100,776
Communiy Queensland Inc	Bardon	Brisbane	150,527	148,364
Communiy Queensland Inc	Kelvin Grove	Brisbane	80,000	81,444
Community Action in Carole Park Inc	Ellen Grove	Brisbane	97,881	100,776
Community Development Services Inc	Stanthorpe	South West	95,687	97,414
Community Services Tablelands Inc	Atherton	Far North	97,881	100,776
Community Support Centre Innisfail Inc	Innisfail	Far North	97,880	100,776



Crestmead Community Association Inc	Crestmead	South East	97,884	100,778
Deception Bay Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Deception Bay	North Coast	97,835	100,753
Douglas Shire Community Services Association Inc	Mossman	Far North	97,882	100,777
Dysart Community Support Group Inc	Dysart	North Qld	92,432	94,100
Eacham Community Help Organisation Inc	Malanda	Far North	49,453	50,344
Eagleby Community Association Inc	Eagleby	South East	104,453	104,185
East Brisbane Community Centre Inc	East Brisbane	Brisbane	125,941	124,130
East Creek Neighbourhood Centre Inc	East Toowoomba	South West	89,389	91,002
Emerald and District Social Development Association Inc	Emerald	Central Qld	92,435	94,103
George Street Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc	Mackay	North Qld	107,279	105,737
Gladstone Regional Council	Gladstone Central	Central Qld	103,396	103,637
Graham House Community Centre Inc	Murgon	Central Qld	97,880	100,776
Gympie and District Community Centreplace Inc	Gympie	North Coast	97,878	100,775
Harlaxton Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Harlaxton	South West	92,523	94,193
Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Pialba	Central Qld	89,389	91,002
Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre Inc	Ingham	North Qld	97,880	100,776
Hinterland Community Development Association of Caloundra Inc	Maleny	North Coast	89,693	91,311
Hub Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Inala	Brisbane	97,881	100,776
Inala Community House	Inala	Brisbane	97,697	100,681
Kenalwyn Bundaberg and District Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Bundaberg South	Central Qld	89,387	91,000
Kingston East Neighbourhood Group Inc	Slacks Creek	South East	192,923	190,150
Kuranda Information and Support Centre Association Inc	Kuranda	Far North	135,377	133,431
Kyabra Community Association Inc	Runcorn	Brisbane	417,210	411,213
Laidley Shire Community Care Association Inc	Laidley	South West	93,734	95,426
Leichhardt Community Group Inc	Leichhardt	South West	89,392	91,005
Lockyer Information and Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Gatton	South West	94,220	95,920
Logan East Community Neighbourhood Association Inc	Springwood	South East	131,240	129,353
Mackay Regional Council	Mackay	North Qld	89,692	91,310
Maranoa Regional Council	Roma	South West	102,146	102,988
Maranoa Regional Council	Surat	South West	41,363	42,110



Mareeba Information and Support Centre Association Inc	Mareeba	Far North	114,124	112,483
Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Trinity Park	Far North	97,883	100,777
Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Maroochydore	North Coast	113,420	111,789
Monto Community Development Council Inc	Monto	Central Qld	92,610	94,281
Mount Gravatt Community Centre Inc	Upper Mount Gravatt	Brisbane	97,883	101,554
Mount Isa Family Support Service and Neighbourhood Centre Inc	The Gap	North Qld	130,624	128,747
Multilink Community Services Inc	Logan Central	South East	97,883	100,777
Murilla Community Centre Inc	Miles	South West	102,483	103,164
Nambour Community Centre Inc	Nambour	North Coast	102,619	103,234
Neighbourhood Centre Caboolture Inc	Caboolture	North Coast	97,881	100,776
Neighbourhood Centre Maryborough Inc	Maryborough	Central Qld	89,387	91,000
Nerang Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Nerang	South East	97,881	100,776
New Farm Neighbourhood Centre Inc	New Farm	Brisbane	123,508	121,732
North Townsville Community Hub Inc	Deeragun	North Qld	101,316	102,558
North-East Community Support Group Inc	Zillmere	Brisbane	98,218	100,951
Northern Peninsula Area Family and Community Services ATSI Corporation	Bamaga	Far North	97,405	100,530
NQ Community Services Inc	Rasmussen	North Qld	172,168	169,694
Nundah Community Support Group Inc	Nundah	Brisbane	223,198	219,990
Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Palm Beach	South East	207,090	204,113
Paroo Shire Council	Cunnamulla	South West	97,883	100,777
Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Association Inc	Lawnton	North Coast	97,878	100,775
Pomona and District Community House Inc	Pomona	North Coast	17,790	18,457
Port Douglas Community Services Network Inc	Port Douglas	Far North	97,883	100,777
Proserpine Community Centre Association Inc	Proserpine	North Qld	81,452	82,922
Ravenshoe Community Centre Inc	Ravenshoe	Far North	97,881	100,776
Redland Community Centre Inc	Capalaba	South East	207,094	204,118
Regional Community Association Inc	Redcliffe	North Coast	98,081	100,880
Riverview Neighbourhood House Association Inc	Riverview	South West	89,389	91,003
Rollingstone and District Community Association Inc	Balgol Beach	North Qld	78,007	79,416
Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Townsville	Mount Isa	North Qld	49,447	50,338

Rosewood and District Support Centre Inc	Rosewood	South West	54,478	55,461
Safer Toowoomba Partnership Inc	Wilsonton Heights	South West	80,431	81,882
Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre Inc	Sherwood	Brisbane	89,390	91,003
Somerset Regional Council	Lowood	South West	43,078	43,856
St David's Neighbourhood Centre	Coopers Plains	Brisbane	97,880	100,776
Tara and District Family Support Committee Inc	Tara	South West	102,639	103,244
The Baptist Union of Queensland Community Services Group - Queensland Baptist Care	Boonah	South West	92,059	93,720
The Community Place Inc	Woolloowin	Brisbane	160,627	158,318
The Corporation of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane	Cannon Hill	Brisbane	92,439	94,108
Townsville West Community Centre Inc	Garbutt	North Qld	97,406	100,530
Tully Support Centre Inc	Tully	Far North	120,853	119,116
UnitingCare Community	Manoora	Far North	98,220	100,952
UnitingCare Community	Manunda	Far North	175,220	172,701
UnitingCare Community	Millbank	Central Qld	89,697	91,315
Varsity Lakes Community Resource Centre Inc	Varsity Lakes	South East	97,882	101,553
Vietnamese Community in Australia (Queensland Chapter) Inc	Darra	Brisbane	89,388	91,001
Village Community Services Inc	Oxenford	South East	97,882	100,777
Weipa Community Care Association Inc	Rocky Point	Far North	97,883	100,777
West End Family Care Services Inc	South Brisbane	Brisbane	318,118	313,546
West Moreton Migrant Resource Service Inc	Goodna	South West	89,387	91,000
Whitsunday Community Services Inc	Cannonvale	North Qld	168,653	166,229
Winton Shire Council	Winton	Central Qld	101,506	102,656

**Non-Government Question on Notice**

**No. 19**

**Asked on 28 September 2012**

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

**QUESTION**

I refer to page 4 of the SDS. Will the Minister outline how much State funding for specialist disability services would be if the rate of indexation of 3.75 per cent was applied as it was to the funding of operational grants to funded organisations?

**ANSWER**

In 2012–13, state funding for specialist disability services has increased by 3 per cent from almost \$931 million in 2011–12 to almost \$959 million in 2012–13.

I am pleased to advise that the State Budget commits to indexing recurrently approved state funded grants including specialist disability services grants by 3.75 per cent with effect from 1 July 2012.



## Non-Government Question on Notice

No. 20

Asked on 28 September 2012

THE ESTIMATES COMMITTEE asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

### QUESTION

I refer to page 4 of the SDS. Will the Minister please advise how the Department's strategic direction of "*increasing expectations for better access to integrated, quality community, disability and child safety services*" can be achieved without a trial of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in Queensland?

### ANSWER

The Queensland Government continues to support a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) as recommended by the Productivity Commission in its 2011 report, *Disability Care and Support*.

Queensland's preferred option for funding and governance is the Productivity Commission's recommended model. Under this model a national agency would facilitate and coordinate all of the functions necessary to administer an NDIS.

The design of the NDIS has been based on the recommendations of a number of research reports, the Productivity Commission's report and the experience of jurisdictions, including Queensland.

The Queensland Government is actively involved in the development of the NDIS through several forums, including the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), the Select Council on Disability Reform and various sub-working groups and will continue to be involved in the development of the full scheme NDIS through these forums.

Queensland, in conjunction with Victoria, has been leading two projects for the development of an NDIS. One focussed on the development of an NDIS Gateway, Information and Referral Service and the other focussed on the development of NDIS Assessment Tools.

The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services engaged KPMG to undertake research and develop recommendations on an NDIS Gateway Information and Referral Service. The contract with KPMG is for \$97,961 and has been fully funded by the Australian Government.

The final report from KPMG was provided to the department on 5 October 2012. We are now analysing this report and will use the learnings from this report to improve intake and entry and information and referral services within Queensland.

The contract that engaged Dyson Consulting Group to develop the NDIS Assessment Tools has been completed and the final report is being considered by the Australian Government.

Queensland has also been contributing to two other projects supporting the building of an NDIS. One project aimed to ensure an NDIS will support Indigenous Australians to access support services appropriate to their needs. The second project aimed to identify suitable strategies to support the disability sector workforce transition to an NDIS.



Queensland has also contributed information to other NDIS design projects about many of our services and processes, including our Local Area Coordinator (LAC) program and our quality system and safeguards. Indeed, Queensland's current eligibility policy is quite similar to the draft statement of eligibility for the NDIS was the basis for consultation last month.

The Queensland Government recently approved a strategy to strengthen frontline disability services, key elements of which are consistent with an NDIS, and will ultimately provide the foundation for a future NDIS in Queensland. The strategy includes a program of reform in the following areas:

- *Streamlining and improving service access for families:* with the services they require more efficiently and locally. For example, if someone needing low levels of support makes contact with the department, they will be referred to a non-government service provider for a 'light touch' assessment using the Ongoing Needs Identification assessment tool. People needing higher levels of support will be referred to Disability Services Assessors for a full assessment. This full assessment, introduced as part of the Growing Stronger initiative, focuses on an individual's capabilities, strengths and needs and is used to identify needs and recommend supports and services that would best meet these needs.
- *Increasing choice and control for individuals and their families:* with the introduction of individualised, person-centred support and opportunities for self-directed funding. Personalised, self-directed funding is a key element of the NDIS. On 11 September 2012, the Disability Services (Your Life Your Choice) Amendment Bill 2011 was introduced into Parliament. This Bill proposes amendments to the *Disability Services Act 2006* that will enable funding to be provided directly to individuals. These amendments will enable the full implementation of the Your Life Your Choice self-directed support initiative that will enable people with a disability and their families to have choice and control over their disability supports and services. Individuals and families who access supports through self-directed funding will need to meet the department's eligibility criteria, which includes their disability as defined under the *Disability Services Act 2006* and the impact of the person's disability.
- *Promoting early intervention and prevention to strengthen families:* by promoting independence and social inclusion and reducing reliance on the disability and mainstream service systems. For example, the LAC program assists individuals and families to build their local support networks, link in with existing community services and build their capacity to meet their needs within their local community.
- *Providing better value for money and reduce red tape:* by improving efficiency and contestability of the Queensland Government's disability services and reducing the compliance burden on non-government organisations to allow resources to be reallocated to service delivery.

This strategy also outlines two other key initiatives to be rolled out in 2012 which will provide better access to specialist disability support in Queensland, these initiatives include Parent Connect and Flexible Respite for young people aged 16–25 years.

Queensland will continue to work with other jurisdictions and stakeholders to ensure an NDIS is properly designed and adequately funded. This includes consideration of governance models, funding shares, funding sources, funding pools and the legislative approach.

The Queensland Government will continue to negotiate with the Australian Government about how the NDIS is funded, governed and designed, to ensure that all Queenslanders receive the best possible deal.

We will be closely watching the launch sites and continuing to modify the current system to prepare Queensland for the national launch of the NDIS in the future.





## Questions taken on Notice at Hearing and Responses



### **Question taken on Notice during the Estimates Hearing**

#### **QUESTION**

MS PALASZCZUK asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—Under SDS page 10, can you outline the progress of the autism centre in Mackay? Can she get some personal interest and tell us the timeframes for completion.

#### **ANSWER**

Autism Queensland has signed the lease.

On 15 October 2012, plans were received by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services.

The plans will be submitted by Autism Queensland to the Mackay Regional Council to seek development approval.

Therefore the timeframes are subject to council processes.

The department will now proceed to develop the capital agreement with Autism Queensland.

## **Question taken on Notice during the Estimates Hearing**

### **QUESTION**

MS PALASZCZUK asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—Minister, I now draw your attention to non-government question on notice No. 16. Will you provide to the estimates committee a full, comprehensive breakdown of what organisations will be attributed the \$259.7 million of funding?

I am happy for you to take on notice this financial year and the following financial year, if that is what you have at hand.

### **ANSWER**

The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services will continue to focus on providing essential frontline support and services for people most in need, demonstrated by an overall budget of \$2.564 billion in 2012–13, including \$1.756 billion in grants and subsidies for non-government organisations to continue providing essential frontline support and services for people most in need.

This Government was elected to get Queensland back on track and this means every department has to play a part in the State's fiscal repair. Page 31 of Budget Paper No. 4 identifies one of the ways that this department is contributing to the State's fiscal repair through grants efficiencies of \$259.7 million over four years.

In 2012–13, efficiencies will total \$30.350 million, increasing to \$38.450 million in 2013–14, and subsequently increasing to \$95.450 million in 2014–15 and 2015–16.

The implications for funded programs and funded organisations have been identified for the 2012–13 and 2013–14 financial years. Strategies to meet out year efficiency targets will be developed in the future taking the fiscal position at that time into account.

To minimise the impacts on funded organisations' service delivery, the department has drawn upon reserves in funding programs and yet to be allocated funding.

Funding program reserves and yet to be allocated grant funding will contribute \$13.642 million to the grants funding efficiency measures in 2012–13 and \$4.762 million in 2013–14.

Funds of \$0.600 million in 2012–13 and 2013–14 will be saved by ceasing the cost supplementation of criminal history checks by Disability funded non-government services.

Indexation of 3.75% on recurrent state funded grants has been funded from 1 July 2012 with efficiency dividends being applied from 1 January 2013. The recurrent funding to be received by the majority of organisations in 2012–13 will approximate the funding received in 2011–12.

A listing of funded organisations contributing to the fiscal repair in 2012–13 and 2013–14 is provided as Attachment A.

## ATTACHMENT A

Funded organisations contributing to the fiscal repair in 2102–13 and 2013–14 are as follows:

Organisation	2012–13 Reduction	2013–14 Reduction	
139 Club Inc Welfare Centre	9,987	19,974	
Aboriginal and Islander Community Resource Agency Rockhampton Aboriginal Corporation	4,009	8,017	
Aboriginal and Islanders Development and Recreational Women's Association Mount Isa and District Inc	1,945	3,890	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service Brisbane Ltd	85,517	165,875	Note 1
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Independent Community School	3,179	6,358	
Acacia Ridge Community Support Inc	5,202	8,366	Note 1
ACRO Australian Community Safety and Research Organisation Inc	56,141	107,935	Note 1
ACT for Kids	155,234	314,636	
Active 60 and Better Inc	-	2,744	
AFL Cape York Ltd	7,418	14,835	
Alcohol and Drug Foundation Queensland	156,852	313,703	Note 1
Alternate Care Pty Ltd	35,939	71,879	
Amparo Advocacy Inc	11,727	23,455	
Anglicare - Central Queensland Ltd	249,567	481,980	Note 1
Anglicare North Queensland Ltd	65,444	130,889	
Australian Pensioners and Superannuants League Qld Inc	2,363	4,725	
Australian Red Cross Society	107,436	214,873	Note 1
Bahloo Women's Youth Shelter Association Inc	2,622	5,244	
Banana Shire Council	-	661	
Banana Shire Emergency Accommodation and Support Centre Inc	13,707	19,622	Note 1
Barcaldine Regional Council	2,461	6,827	
Bargumar Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	31,797	54,352	Note 1
Bay Islands Community Services Inc	949	1,898	
Bayside Adolescent Boarding Inc	268,056	536,112	Note 1
Beaudesert Shire Health and Welfare Association Inc	4,962	9,923	



<b>Organisation</b>	<b>2012-13 Reduction</b>	<b>2013-14 Reduction</b>	
Beenleigh District Community Development Association Inc	7,056	14,111	
Benarrawa Community Development Association Inc	1,739	3,478	
Blackall - Tambo Regional Council	72,612	147,124	Note 1
Blue Care: Head Office	3,081	6,163	
Booval Community Services Inc	18,934	22,695	Note 1
Born Free Club Ltd	2,655	5,309	
Bowen Shire Welfare Council Inc - Bowen Community Council	5,851	11,701	
BoysTown	-	2,892	
Bravehearts Inc	15,438	30,876	
Bribie Island and District Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc	2,272	4,543	
Brisbane Youth Service Inc	56,591	114,350	
Bundaberg Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing and Advancement Society	16,501	16,501	Note 1
Bundaberg Community Development Inc	46,371	92,741	
Bundaberg Regional Council	2,948	5,897	
Burdekin Area Youth Watch Inc	6,760	13,520	
Burdekin Community Association Inc	7,464	12,513	Note 1
Burdekin Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc	1,739	3,478	
Burdekin Shire Council	-	2,152	
Caboolture Community Care Inc	37,654	41,524	Note 1
Caboolture Regional Domestic Violence Service Inc	16,118	32,236	
Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service	87,852	175,703	
Cairns Community Legal Centre Inc	8,488	16,976	
Cairns Regional Council	38,978	88,332	
Cairns Regional Domestic Violence Service Inc	12,912	25,824	
Caloundra Community Centre Inc	17,304	27,465	Note 1
Cape York/Gulf Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care Advisory Association Inc	63,143	126,285	
Capella Tieri Middlemount Community Support Network Inc	60,875	119,369	Note 1
Capricorn Citizen Advocacy Inc	7,687	15,374	

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Capricornia Training Company Ltd	124,462	248,924	Note 1
Care Balonne Association Inc	9,024	18,049	
Care Goondiwindi Association Inc	9,597	20,775	
Carina Youth Agency Inc	11,799	19,729	Note 1
Carpentaria Shire Council	65,871	131,741	Note 1
Caxton Legal Centre Inc	17,900	35,799	
Centacare Townsville	101,641	203,282	
Central Highlands Regional Council	1,407	2,813	
Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service	36,802	73,604	
Central Queensland Indigenous Development Ltd	41,914	83,829	
Central Queensland University - Mackay Campus	11,440	22,881	
Central West Hospital and Health Service	23,369	46,738	
Centre Against Sexual Violence Inc	11,172	22,345	
Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland	35,352	70,704	
Chameleon Regional Community Housing, Accommodation and Welfare Association Inc	2,307	4,614	
Charleville and District Community Support Association Inc	10,993	23,484	
Charters Towers 60 and Better Program Inc	1,416	2,832	
Charters Towers Neighbourhood Centre Inc	3,898	9,697	
Charters Towers Regional Council	1,407	2,814	
Cherbourg Murgon Youth and Community Combined Action Association Inc	6,368	12,737	
Children by Choice Association Incorporated	7,914	15,827	
Children of The Dreaming - Centre for Self Healing	23,858	47,715	
Chinchilla Family Support Centre Inc	4,214	5,953	Note 1
Chisholm Inc	8,016	16,031	
Choice Australia Management Ltd	575	1,149	
Christian Outreach Centre - Red Frogs Australia Chaplaincy Network	-	4,844	
Churches of Christ in Queensland	311,912	625,695	

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Clermont Community Housing and Other Services Inc	4,416	5,522	Note 1
Co As It Italian Australian Welfare Association Inc	1,758	3,516	
Coalition on Criminal Assault in the Home (North Queensland) Inc	23,485	46,969	
Collinsville Community Association Inc	776	1,552	
CommuniQ Queensland Inc	20,920	30,285	Note 1
Community Accommodation and Support Agency Inc	9,616	13,798	Note 1
Community Action in Carole Park Inc	2,668	5,336	
Community Action Incorporated	9,582	19,163	
Community Care and Food Bank Association Inc	1,662	3,323	
Community Connect Fraser Coast Inc	89,424	178,847	
Community Development Services Inc	3,079	7,165	
Community Emergency Support Centre Inc	45,405	53,239	Note 1
Community Living Association Inc	190,577	381,154	Note 1
Community Resource Unit Inc	26,086	52,172	
Community Services Tablelands Inc	21,814	31,843	Note 1
Community Solutions Inc	288,537	577,074	Note 1
Community Support Centre Innisfail Inc	9,387	18,773	
Cooktown District Community Centre Inc	85,025	213,446	Note 1
Cooloola Youth Service Inc	18,332	18,332	Note 1
Cooroy Family Support Centre Inc	-	2,545	
Council on the Ageing Queensland Inc	-	1,868	
Create Foundation Ltd	53,317	106,634	
Crestmead Community Association Inc	778	1,555	
Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health	6,365	12,731	
Currumbin Community Special School Parents and Citizens Association	-	777	
Dalby Crisis Support Association Inc	1,497	2,994	
Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service	33,681	67,361	
Darumbal Community Youth Service Inc	85,934	171,869	Note 1



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Deaf Services Queensland	35,856	71,712	
Deception Bay Community Youth Programs Association Inc	77,064	169,504	Note 1
Deception Bay Neighbourhood Centre Inc	15,543	24,138	Note 1
Department of Health Qld - Metro North Health Service District	3,194	10,558	
Domestic Violence Prevention Centre Gold Coast Inc	50,984	101,968	
Domestic Violence Resource Service (Mackay and Region) Inc	13,313	26,625	
Douglas Shire Community Services Association Inc	14,061	16,335	Note 1
Downs Industry Schools Cooperation Inc	252,489	504,978	Note 1
Drug Awareness and Relief Foundation (Australia)	1,497	2,994	
Dvconnect Ltd	13,298	27,327	
Dysart Community Support Group Inc	2,037	4,073	
Eacham Community Help Organisation Inc	962	1,924	
Eagleby Community Association Inc	21,922	26,107	Note 1
East Brisbane Community Centre Inc	6,533	13,066	
East Creek Neighbourhood Centre Inc	3,446	6,892	
Eastern Health	-	25,766	
Ecumenical Coffee Brigade Inc	1,834	3,668	
EDON Place Women's Domestic Violence Service Inc	2,757	5,514	
Eidsvold Christian Centre Support Programme	-	330	
Emerald and District Social Development Association Inc	21,547	23,345	Note 1
Emergency and Long Term Accommodation Moranbah Inc	8,635	12,717	Note 1
Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland Ltd	49,197	98,394	
Everton Hills Wesleyan Methodist Church	-	2,995	
Family and Kids-Care Foundation Inc	15,936	15,936	Note 1
Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville Inc	19,557	32,145	Note 1
Family Planning Queensland	13,635	27,270	
First Contact Aboriginal Corporation for Youth	8,993	17,987	
Foodbank Queensland Ltd	15,137	30,274	

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Foster Care Queensland Inc	80,514	161,028	
Foundations Child and Family Support Ltd	65,383	130,766	
Fraser Coast Housing Services Inc	14,632	19,914	Note 1
Fraser Coast Regional Council	104,362	208,911	
FSG Australia	59,371	118,742	
Future for Kids Queensland Pty Ltd	6,158	12,315	
Gallang Place Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	77,670	155,340	Note 1
Ganyjuu Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Family Support Services	5,469	10,937	
Gateway Community Group Inc	3,380	6,761	
Gay and Lesbian Welfare Association Inc	-	5,188	
George Street Neighbourhood Centre Association Inc	11,307	22,614	
Girls Time Out Young Women's Support Service Inc	3,317	6,635	
Gladstone Area Group Apprentices Ltd	157,806	315,611	Note 1
Gladstone Regional Council	6,453	12,906	
Glenden Progress Association Inc	-	5,262	
Global Care Australia - Global Care Suncoast	17,260	17,260	Note 1
Gold Coast Advocacy Inc	9,978	19,956	
Gold Coast Centre Against Sexual Violence Inc	11,419	22,838	
Gold Coast Drug Council Inc	874	3,138	
Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service	51,600	103,200	
Gold Coast Project for Homeless Youth Inc	7,258	14,516	
Gold Coast Youth Service Inc	35,875	54,029	Note 1
Goobidi-Bamanga Community Advancement Cooperative Society Ltd	5,831	11,661	
Good Shepherd Microfinance	-	124,500	Note 1
Goodna Youth Services Inc	18,334	36,668	
Goodna/Ipswich Youth and Community Action Association Inc	7,956	15,913	
Goolburri Aboriginal Health Advancement Company Ltd	35,680	71,361	

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Graham House Community Centre Inc	20,649	30,689	Note 1
Greek Orthodox Community Of St George Brisbane	48,665	95,657	Note 1
Griffith University - School of Criminology and Criminal Justice	5,432	10,864	
Gungarde Community Centre Aboriginal Corporation	3,170	6,341	
Gympie and District Community Centreplace Inc	11,464	12,238	Note 1
Gympie and District Women's Health Group Inc	5,605	11,210	
Hannah's House	1,897	3,794	
Harlaxton Neighbourhood Centre Inc	3,430	5,230	Note 1
Health and Community Services Workforce Council Inc	325,000	2,431,320	Note 1
Helem Yumba Inc	6,365	12,731	
Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre Inc	19,610	28,612	Note 1
Hervey Bay Sixty and Better Healthy Ageing Program Inc	1,522	3,043	
Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre Inc	15,975	21,469	Note 1
Hinterland Community Development Association of Caloundra Inc	1,745	3,490	
Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council	82,762	165,524	Note 1
Hub Neighbourhood Centre Inc	776	1,552	
ICYS Ipswich Community Youth Service Inc	352,948	705,895	Note 1
IFYS Limited	181,487	362,974	Note 1
Impact: Youth Organisations Reducing Crime Ltd	105,945	211,890	
Inala Community House	25,460	50,919	
Inala Family Accommodation and Support Service Inc	3,235	6,471	
Inala Youth Care Community Inc	299,210	598,420	Note 1
Indigenous Wellbeing Centre Aboriginal Corporation	14,149	28,298	
Industry Education Networking Pty Ltd	2,267	4,533	
Injilini Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Children and Youth Services	11,085	22,169	
Innisfail Youth and Family Care Inc	3,729	10,921	
International Social Service - Australian Branch	-	364	
Ipswich 60 and Better Program Inc	-	2,185	



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Ipswich Community Aid Inc	2,477	4,954	
Ipswich Independent Youth Service Inc	4,061	8,121	
Ipswich Regional Advocacy Services Inc	7,697	15,394	
Ipswich Women's Centre Against Domestic Violence Inc	16,954	33,907	
Ipswich Women's Shelter Inc	2,274	4,548	
Isaac Regional Council	81,636	163,272	Note 1
Jabiru Community Youth and Children's Services Association Inc	128,833	257,665	Note 1
Jackson-Yeatman Pty Ltd	1,048	2,096	
Jigsaw Queensland Inc	-	645	
Jimboomba Community Care Association Inc	6,225	12,450	
Jupiter Mossman Community Cooperative Society Ltd	2,189	4,378	
Juwarki Kapu-Lug Ltd	7,347	14,694	
Kalwun Development Corporation Ltd	45,354	90,708	
Kalyan Youth Service Inc	2,250	4,499	
Kenalwyn Bundaberg and District Neighbourhood Centre Inc	1,739	3,478	
Keppel Community Care Association Inc	4,831	9,662	
Key Assets Queensland Limited	19,667	39,333	
King's Christian Centre Inc	1,331	2,662	
Kingston East Neighbourhood Group Inc	35,113	49,052	Note 1
Koongoora Inc	2,133	4,265	
Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council	1,239	2,478	
Kowanyama Justice Group Inc	79,787	159,574	Note 1
Kummara Association Inc	21,755	43,509	
Kuranda Information and Support Centre Association Inc	8,875	17,750	
Kurbingui Youth Development Association Inc	16,357	32,715	
Kyabra Community Association Inc	41,428	76,199	Note 1
KYC Consultancy Pty Ltd	10,863	21,725	

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Laidley Crisis Care and Accommodation	2,631	5,262	
Laidley Shire Community Care Association Inc	1,823	3,647	
LCAQD (Lutheran Community Care) T/A Good Shepherd Emergency Relief Service	6,696	6,696	Note 1
Legal Aid Queensland	3,585	7,171	
Leichhardt Community Group Inc	9,701	11,440	Note 1
Lena Passi Women's Shelter Association Inc	2,448	4,896	
Life Without Barriers	457,460	914,920	
Lifeline Darling Downs and South West Queensland Ltd	122,758	219,705	Note 1
Lifestyle Solutions (Aust) Ltd	25,205	50,409	
Link-Up (Qld) Aboriginal Corporation	1,889	3,777	
Lions Emergency Accommodation Centre Inc	22,645	31,713	Note 1
Local Government Association of Queensland Inc	-	142,064	Note 1
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	9,964	19,929	
Lockyer Information and Neighbourhood Centre Inc	1,833	3,666	
Logan City Council	-	30,139	
Logan East Community Neighbourhood Association Inc	6,808	13,616	
Logan Women's Health & Wellbeing Centre Inc	9,871	19,742	
Longreach Regional Council	47,778	95,556	
Lowanna House Inc	926	1,853	
Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District (Lutheran Community Care)	454,542	909,085	Note 1
Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District (Lutheran Community Care) - Mary & Martha's	2,462	4,924	
Mackay 50 and Better Programme Inc	-	346	
Mackay Advocacy Inc	15,103	30,206	
Mackay Hospital and Health Service	61,847	123,694	
Mackay Regional Council	7,638	12,196	Note 1
Mackay Regional Council for Social Development Ltd	62,491	124,981	
Mackay Women's Centre Inc	9,799	15,029	Note 1
Mackay Yamadi Lera Yumi Meta Association Inc	7,072	7,072	Note 1

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Mackay Youth Support Service Inc	225,767	451,535	Note 1
Macleod Accommodation Support Service Inc	2,045	4,091	
MADEC LTD	11,857	23,713	
Mamre Association Inc	30,936	61,872	
MARABISDA INC	6,191	12,383	
Maranoa Regional Council	20,662	30,726	Note 1
Mareeba Information and Support Centre Association Inc	7,567	15,133	
Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre Inc	777	4,500	
Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre Inc	7,627	15,254	
Marsden Education Association Inc	7,457	14,913	
Mater Misericordiae Health Services Brisbane Ltd	3,477	6,955	
Maybanke Association Inc	13,753	19,401	Note 1
Mensheds Australia Ltd	125,655	251,309	
Metro North Hospital and Health Service	224,639	449,277	
Metro South Hospital and Health Service	57,677	115,353	
Micah Projects Inc	80,387	160,775	
Migrant Women's Emergency Support Service Inc	12,815	25,629	
Mission Australia	133,955	270,904	
Monto Community Development Council Inc	10,372	13,671	Note 1
Moranbah and District Support Services Association Inc	50,655	101,309	Note 1
Moreton Bay Regional Council	33,639	67,277	
Mount Gravatt Community Centre Inc	-	1,554	
Mount Isa Family Support Service and Neighbourhood Centre Inc	10,104	16,880	Note 1
Mount Isa Skills Association Inc	199,226	398,451	Note 1
Multicultural Communities Council Gold Coast Inc	-	1,664	
Multilink Community Services Inc	777	1,554	
Mundubbera Community Development Association Inc	63,166	126,332	Note 1



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Mununjali Housing and Development Company Ltd	72,760	145,520	Note 1
Mura Kosker Sorority Inc	10,380	21,918	
Murilla Community Centre Inc	7,686	14,040	Note 1
Murri Sisters Association Inc	2,726	5,452	
Murri Watch Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	41,173	82,346	
Murrigunyah Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Women	4,172	8,345	
Myall Youth and Community Network Centre Inc	-	2,152	
Nambour Community Centre Inc	4,853	9,705	
National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Inc	8,348	16,695	
National Council of Women of Queensland Inc	-	9,980	
National Disability Services Limited	70,708	141,415	
Neighbourhood Centre Caboolture Inc	6,209	12,417	
Neighbourhood Centre Maryborough Inc	1,739	3,478	
Nerang Neighbourhood Centre Inc	7,251	14,502	
New Farm Neighbourhood Centre Inc	17,883	35,765	
Ngurri Ngurri Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation	2,074	4,147	
North Burnett Regional Council	1,800	3,600	
North Queensland Combined Women's Services Inc	24,454	43,695	Note 1
North Queensland Public Education Association Inc	-	1,447	
North Townsville Community Hub Inc	7,838	10,396	Note 1
North West Youth Accommodation Service Inc	6,452	12,903	
North-East Community Support Group Inc	9,764	19,529	
Northern Peninsula Area Family and Community Services ATSI Corporation	13,949	27,898	
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	6,187	12,375	
NQ Community Services Inc	8,931	17,863	
Nundah Community Support Group Inc	11,578	23,157	
Older Men Unlimited Hervey Bay Inc	1,380	2,759	
Older Women's Network (Qld) Inc	1,753	3,505	

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Ozcare	109,821	219,641	
Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre Inc	11,674	23,348	
Palm Island Community Company Ltd	47,210	132,116	
Parent To Parent Association Qld Inc	46,127	92,254	
Paroo Shire Council	6,605	13,209	
PeakCare Queensland Inc	57,696	117,845	
Peirson Services	13,621	27,243	
Phoenix House Association Inc	12,471	24,942	
Picabeen Community Association Inc	190,795	381,590	Note 1
Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Association Inc	5,961	11,921	
Pomona and District Community House Inc	-	692	
Pormpur Paanth Aboriginal Corporation	7,709	15,417	
Port Douglas Community Services Network Inc	777	1,554	
Port Kennedy Association Inc	7,776	15,552	
Pregnancy and Family Support Association Gold Coast Inc	27,796	30,404	Note 1
Pregnancy Help Queensland Inc	4,886	9,772	
Prison Fellowship of Australia Queensland Council	-	742	
Prison Transport Group Inc	10,876	12,807	Note 1
Proserpine Community Centre Association Inc	1,584	3,169	
Proserpine Youth Club Inc	1,331	2,662	
Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak Ltd	56,058	112,117	
Queensland Council of Social Service Inc	106,704	213,408	
Queensland Police Citizens Youth Welfare Association	38,922	82,930	
Queensland Program of Assistance for Survivors of Torture and Trauma Association Inc	63,121	155,788	Note 1
Queensland Women's Health Network Inc.	1,051	2,102	
Queensland Youth Housing Coalition Inc	219,719	439,438	Note 1
Queensland Youth Services Inc	504,410	1,008,819	Note 1

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Queenslanders With Disability Network Inc	20,089	40,177	
Ravenshoe Community Centre Inc	2,674	6,414	
Redland Community Centre Inc	42,733	53,476	Note 1
REFOCUS Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation	11,020	22,040	
Regional Community Association Inc	27,550	32,927	Note 1
Regional Housing Limited	3,405	6,811	
Relationships Australia (Qld)	486,504	974,527	Note 1
Richmond Shire Council	-	1,065	
Rights In Action Inc	7,261	14,521	
Riverview Neighbourhood House Association Inc	1,739	3,478	
Rockhampton 60 and Better Program Inc	1,308	2,615	
Rockhampton Regional Council	90,090	210,933	Note 1
Rockhampton Women's Shelter Inc	2,416	4,831	
Rollingstone and District Community Association Inc	1,517	3,035	
Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Rockhampton	23,274	46,548	
Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Townsville	570,108	1,137,499	Note 1
Roseberry Community Services Inc	22,002	44,005	
Rosewood and District Support Centre Inc	2,542	3,602	Note 1
Ruth's Women's Shelter Cairns Inc	3,042	6,085	
Safer Toowoomba Partnership Inc	1,565	3,129	
Safety House Association of Qld Inc	-	525	
Sandgate and Bracken Ridge Action Group Inc	105,190	210,381	Note 1
Save the Children Australia - Queensland Division	23,525	47,323	
Searchlight Education Springfield	5,046	10,091	
Seniornet Association Inc	-	109	
Sera's Women's Shelter Inc	2,884	5,769	
Seventh-Day Adventist Church - Northern Australian Conference	6,471	6,471	Note 1
Seventh-Day Adventist Church (South Queensland Conference) Ltd	12,197	12,197	Note 1



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Sharehouse Youth Accommodation Program Inc	4,621	9,242	
Shelter Housing Action Cairns Association Inc	9,777	19,554	
Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre Inc	3,537	7,074	
Silky Oaks Children's Haven	44,736	89,472	
Silver Bridle Action Group Inc	1,245	2,489	
Sisters Inside Inc	10,273	20,546	
Sisters of the Good Samaritan Foundation Ltd	1,301	2,601	
Sixty and Better Cannon Hill Association Inc	-	1,118	
Somerset Regional Council	64,611	129,221	Note 1
South Burnett CTC Inc	729,827	1,453,761	Note 1
South Coast Youth Health and Education Service (YHES House) Inc	17,861	35,722	
South West Hospital and Health Service	21,969	43,938	
Southern Downs Industry Education Association Inc	126,241	252,482	Note 1
Southern Downs Regional Council	1,407	33,568	
Southern Gold Coast 60 and Better Program Inc	-	3,042	
Southside Community Care Inc	7,181	10,729	Note 1
Spinal Injuries Association Inc	88,073	176,145	
St Bartholomew's Youth Accommodation	2,075	4,150	
St David's Neighbourhood Centre	776	1,551	
St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland	442,172	531,261	Note 1
Sunny Kids Inc	1,843	3,687	
Sunshine 60 and Better Group Inc	4,211	8,422	
Sunshine Coast Youth Partnership Inc	-	17,203	
Sunshine Cooloola Services Against Sexual Violence Inc	23,217	46,433	
Surfers Paradise Anglican Crisis Care Inc	3,312	6,623	
Tableland Rape and Incest Crisis Centre	4,745	9,490	
Tablelands Regional Council	61,220	153,195	

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Tara and District Family Support Committee Inc	10,012	17,204	Note 1
Teen Challenge International Queensland Inc	4,115	8,230	
The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal and Advocacy Service	4,571	9,141	
The Advocacy And Support Centre Inc	64,385	128,769	
The Baptist Union of Queensland Community Services Group - Queensland Baptist Care	33,881	67,761	
The Benevolent Society	61,984	123,968	
The Community Place Inc	8,333	16,665	
The Corp of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane - Catholic Parish Upper Mt Gravatt	28,186	28,186	Note 1
The Corporation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba Centacare	17,550	35,101	
The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane	384,116	764,406	Note 1
The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane - Anglican Parish of Burleigh Heads	12,727	12,727	Note 1
The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane - Anglican Parish of Inala - St Hugh's	24,180	24,180	Note 1
The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane - Cooloola Family and Community Development	48,280	96,560	
The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane - Goodna Anglican Welfare Ministries	15,262	15,262	Note 1
The Corporation of the Synod of the Diocese of Brisbane / Social Services - St Mark's Anglican	13,722	13,722	Note 1
The Corporation of the Trustees of the Order of the Sisters of Mercy in Queensland	223,002	446,004	
The Corporation of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane	155,563	294,378	Note 1
The Frederick Marsden Youth Centre Incorporated - Marsden Families Program	24,443	41,251	Note 1
The Haven Association Inc	1,801	3,603	
The Independent Living Centre Association of Queensland Incorporated - LifeTec Queensland Inc	27,995	55,991	
The Lodge Youth Support Service Inc	8,077	16,153	
The Maryborough and District Committee on the Ageing Inc Well Aged Program	1,221	2,441	
The Older Men's Network Inc	1,999	3,998	
The Pyjama Foundation Ltd	3,072	6,144	
The Redcliffe Area Youth Space Incorporated	5,560	11,121	
The Roman Catholic Trust Corporation for the Diocese of Cairns - Centacare Cairns	243,164	471,503	Note 1

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The Salvation Army (Qld) Property Trust	422,389	524,000	Note 1
The Spot Community Services Ltd	168,822	337,644	Note 1
The State Council of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Queensland	-	2,271	
The Uniting Church in Australia (Q) - Blair Athol Accommodation and Support Programme	31,053	47,340	Note 1
The Women's Community Aid Association (Qld) Ltd	9,346	18,692	
The Women's Legal Service Inc	1,445	2,890	
The Youth Network NQ Inc	-	30,754	
Toowoomba and District Youth Service Inc	13,673	27,346	
Toowoomba Regional Council	65,130	130,261	Note 1
TOTTS Inc	3,126	6,252	
Townsville Aboriginal and Islanders Health Services Ltd	94,308	188,616	
Townsville City Council	-	1,384	
Townsville Community Legal Service Inc	7,093	14,186	
Townsville Hospital and Health Service	67,323	134,645	
Townsville West Community Centre Inc	530	1,060	
Tully Support Centre Inc	8,791	17,582	
UCA - Beenleigh Parish	23,721	23,721	Note 1
UCA - Central West Uniting Churches	1,768	1,768	Note 1
UCA - Sandgate Uniting Church	4,368	4,368	Note 1
Umpi Korumba Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation for Housing	19,874	26,639	Note 1
United Synergies Ltd	180,802	361,603	Note 1
Uniting Church in Australia Frontier Services	4,918	9,835	
UnitingCare Community	847,663	1,703,446	Note 1
Varsity Lakes Community Resource Centre Inc	-	1,553	
Vietnamese Community in Australia (Queensland Chapter) Inc	9,213	10,952	Note 1
Village Community Services Inc	2,274	4,548	
Vocational Partnerships Group Inc	381,458	762,916	Note 1
Volunteering Queensland Inc	7,439	14,877	



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W W I L D - Sexual Violence Prevention Association Inc	4,397	8,793	
Warrgoobulginda Aboriginal Corporation	2,928	5,856	
Warringu Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation	1,838	3,675	
Wee Care Family Inc	38,056	76,113	
Weipa Community Care Association Inc	4,362	8,725	
Wesley Mission Brisbane	792,014	1,488,424	Note 1
West End Family Care Services Inc	16,502	33,005	
West Moreton Hospital and Health Service	29,571	59,142	
West Moreton Migrant Resource Service Inc	1,739	3,478	
Western Downs Regional Council	-	661	
Whitsunday Community Services Inc	14,722	25,015	Note 1
Whitsunday Crisis and Counselling Service Inc	23,515	42,869	Note 1
Whitsunday Regional Council	2,684	6,982	
Wide Bay Aboriginal Corporation for Child Protection Agency	10,813	21,626	
Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service	31,039	62,078	
Wide Bay Sexual Assault Association Inc	9,760	19,520	
Wide Bay Women's Health Centre Inc.	8,657	17,314	
Windana Support Centre Inc	7,782	15,565	
Winton Shire Council	4,663	12,539	
Womens Centre Cairns Inc	15,173	30,346	
Women's Health Awareness Group of Gladstone Inc	7,722	15,444	
Women's Health Information and Referral Service Central Queensland Inc	17,986	35,972	
Women's Health Queensland Wide Inc	15,588	31,175	
Working Against Violence Support Service Inc	20,634	41,268	
WuChopperen Health Service Ltd	49,402	98,803	
Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Council	82,763	165,526	
Wynnum 60 and Better Programme Inc	1,219	2,438	

Organisation	2012–13 Reduction	2013–14 Reduction	
Yabu Mija Aboriginal Corporation	1,889	3,777	
Yarrabah Aboriginal Corporation for Women	1,883	3,766	
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council	1,939	4,662	
YIRS One Stop Youth Shop Inc	13,176	26,352	
Yoorana Women's Domestic Violence and Resource Service Inc	5,397	10,793	
Young Men's Christian Association of Bundaberg Inc	8,639	17,278	
Young Parents Program Inc	15,412	30,823	
Young People Ahead Inc	15,038	30,076	
Youth Advocacy Centre Inc	6,364	12,728	
Youth Affairs Network of Queensland Inc	141,228	282,456	
Youth and Families Association of Pine Rivers Inc	1,498	2,995	
Youth and Family Service (Logan City) Inc	409,173	818,345	Note 1
Youth Emergency Services Inc	4,969	9,938	
Youth Empowered Towards Independence Inc	15,498	30,996	
Youth Housing Project Association Inc	6,637	13,274	
Youth Lifestyle Options Pty Ltd	22,771	45,542	
Youth Service Providers Inc	25,180	50,359	
Youthcare Hervey Bay Inc	2,347	4,694	
Youthcare Pine Rivers Inc	3,780	7,561	
Yulu-Burri-Ba Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health	2,714	5,427	
Yumba-Meta Housing Association Ltd	20,431	40,862	
Zig Zag Young Women's Resource Centre Inc	12,797	25,594	
	<b>20,907,928</b>	<b>42,687,614</b>	

Less contribution from Department of Education, Training and Employment

(4,800,000)	(9,600,000)	Note 2
<b>16,107,928</b>	<b>33,087,614</b>	

Note 1: Includes funding which is subject to further review

Note 2: Funding for Youth Support Coordinators contributed by DETE and administered through DCCSDS

## **Question taken on Notice during the Estimates Hearing**

### **QUESTION**

MS SCOTT asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—Does the decline in the performance target for young people's rating of the helpfulness of the Community Visitor (program) have any correlation to the reduced funding for support services?


### **ANSWER**

The performance target for young people's rating of the helpfulness of community visitors (as outlined on page 38 of the SDS) has not declined. Rather, it has been increased from 8.5 (on a ten-point scale) in 2011–12 to 8.8 in 2012–13.

The actual performance result achieved for 2011–12 was 9.1, which was a slight increase on the 9.0 result achieved for 2010–11, highlighting the effectiveness of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian's community visitors in achieving outcomes for children and young people.

The Commission's priority in its statute is always for vulnerable groups within the child and youth populations. The Commission will continue to prioritise its activities towards making sure appropriate support services are made available to vulnerable children and young people, particularly those in care and detention.





## Documents tabled at the hearing



## ***HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE***

**Members present:**

Mr PJ Dowling MP (Chair)  
Mrs JR Miller MP (Deputy Chair)  
Mr SW Davies MP  
Mr AS Dillaway MP  
Mr JD Hathaway MP  
Mr DE Shuttleworth MP  
Mr MJ Trout MP

**Staff present:**

Ms S Cawcutt (Research Director)  
Ms L Archinal (Principal Research Officer)

### **PUBLIC HEARING—COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILD GUARDIAN**

#### **TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, 22 AUGUST 2012**

**Brisbane**



## WEDNESDAY, 22 AUGUST 2012

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Committee met at 9.07 am

**FRASER, Ms Elizabeth, Commissioner for Children and Young People and Child Guardian**

**GERBICH, Mr Lyle, Manager, Strategic Coordination and Reporting, Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian**

**SALMON, Mr Barry, Assistant Commissioner, Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian**

**VAN-KEMPEN, Mr Bob, Executive Director, Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian**

**CHAIR:** I declare the public hearing open of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. The hearing concerns the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. I am Peter Dowling, the chair of the committee and the member for Redlands. The other members of the committee are: Jo Miller, member for Bundamba and deputy chair; Michael Trout, member for Barron River; Aaron Dillaway, member for Bulimba; Steve Davies, member for Capalaba; Dale Shuttleworth, member for Ferny Grove; John Hathaway, member for Townsville; and we have an apology for another committee member not with us today and that is Mrs Desley Scott, member for Woodridge.

Welcome, Ms Elizabeth Fraser. The committee is responsible for the oversight of the children's commissioner. Under the standing rules and orders of the Legislative Assembly, the committee's role is to monitor and review the commission's performance of its functions; report to the Legislative Assembly about the commission, its functions and its performance; examine the commission's annual report and report to the Legislative Assembly if appropriate; and report on any changes to the functions, structure and procedures of the commission that the committee considers desirable for more effective operation of the commission or its act.

I remind those present that these proceedings are similar to parliament and are subject to the Legislative Assembly's standing rules and orders. Could you please ensure that mobile phones or other electronic devices are turned off or switched to silent.

The committee has resolved that the proceedings of the committee may be broadcast in line with the media broadcasting rules, which are available from committee staff, and copies are near the door. Hansard is making a transcript of the proceedings, so please identify yourself when you first speak. The committee intends to publish the transcript of today's proceedings, unless there is a good reason not to.

Ms Fraser, you are not required to take an oath today. However, as this hearing is a formal process of parliament, I remind witnesses that intentionally misleading the committee is a serious offence. I invite you to start with a brief opening statement and the committee will then follow with questions.

**Ms Fraser:** Thank you, Mr Chair, for the opportunity to make some opening comments. I should just put on the record that I am accompanied by Mr Barry Salmon, who is the Assistant Commissioner; Mr Bob Van-Kempen, who is the Executive Director; and Mr Lyle Gerbich, who is the Manager of our Strategic Coordination and Reporting area. Before I begin I would like to respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting and pay my respects to the elders past and present.

Much has occurred since we last met with respect to the commission's jurisdiction, and I would like to briefly update the committee about the following three matters in particular: the publications that I have released since June; some proposed amendments which are moving through to the blue card legislation; and the commission's engagement with the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry. Additionally I note that I provided detailed responses to the committee's eight questions on notice which I trust have addressed your interest in those topics.

Mr Chair, I would like to table a list of the commission's publications since June for your notice. The list includes our strategic plan 2012 to 2016, which I would also like to table for the committee's formal noting. The list also includes two trends and issues papers relating to child deaths, rural drownings and quad bikes. The commission also recently commenced providing the committee out of session with copies of our weekly topical issues paper release and our monthly policy and research scan, which I hope you are finding useful. All of these publications are also available on our website for future easy reference.

I am also proposing some amendments to the blue card legislation to implement nationally agreed exemptions and incorporate changes to Commonwealth child sex related offences. Specifically I am seeking amendment to the commission's 2011 Regulation to implementing in Queensland the Council of Australian Governments Standing Council on Community, Housing and Disability Services agreement to Brisbane



introduce by late 2012 national exemptions to working with children checks for volunteers and paid employees who are required to cross state or territory borders for work related purposes. These exemptions are to enable paid employees and volunteers working or volunteering in regulated child related duties to participate in national and interjurisdictional activities on a short-term basis. These proposed changes make no amendment to existing policy positions under the blue card system legislative framework as the commission's regulation already contains provisions which exempt individuals in limited circumstances.

I am also proposing amendment to the 2000 Act to update the blue card offence schedules to incorporate changes made to the Commonwealth child sex related offences such as for child sex tourism. Amendment will provide consistency for how child related offences are treated under the blue card system, and more details of this can be provided in due course when the matters are further progressed, if that is of interest to the committee.

As previously advised at our last meeting, the commission welcomes the establishment of the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry and is already assisting by providing the commission's evidence base about the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in the child protection system. We have been granted leave to appear and we have been present at all hearings so far and will attend all the upcoming hearings including in the regions.

The inquiry will specifically consider the effectiveness of monitoring, investigation, oversight and complaint mechanisms, and ways to improve the oversight and public confidence in the child protection system. The commission's systemic monitoring, investigation, complaint resolution, community visitor and child death review functions are all subject to the inquiry's scope and may be impacted legislatively and in terms of resourcing depending on the inquiry's conclusions and recommendations. The inquiry report should result in a detailed assessment of the current strengths and weaknesses of the Queensland child protection system and a realistic plan for the next decade to achieve improved outcomes for Queensland's vulnerable children and young people.

I have provided a written statement to the inquiry and responded to extensive requests for documents, and I table a copy of my written affidavit for your information. I attended the inquiry on Monday this week and gave oral evidence and answered questions in relation to the written statement and provided opinion on matters relevant to the inquiry, and I am due to attend tomorrow to give further oral evidence.

The commission will also be making a detailed submission to the inquiry in relation to its terms of reference. Once the inquiry report is presented to government, the commission will likely be involved in the development of an implementation plan, depending on the extent to which the recommendations relate to us. We have contributed five full-time employees to assist the inquiry, and you will be aware of the terms of reference for the child protection commission of inquiry and who is leading it.

In particular, I would just summarise a few things and draw to your attention a couple of points I have made in my affidavit. A strong point that I think is relevant for this committee is that I believe the rate of child protection intakes should be viewed as a barometer of the health of our community. I think it reflects the quality and success of our broad functioning as a society and, to an extent, the role the state and federal governments play in supporting this functioning.

I noted that most of Queensland's 1.1 million children and young people live in family environments where little or no external services are required, beyond those that are universally available, to keep them safe and well and help them achieve their potential. That fact is supported by the rate of entry of Queensland children into out-of-home care, which at 30 June 2011, as I have previously advised, was seven per 1,000 children, which is below the national average of 7.3 per 1,000.

Other children and young people, however, do live in circumstances where parental functioning is diminished, and sometimes due to multiple co-existing factors, to the extent that it places those children at risk of harm and requiring statutory child protection services. For these families, targeted and effective prevention and early intervention services are essential to support parenting if it is to meet a minimum standard that is acceptable to the community and enables those children to remain safely in their home environment. Families needing these services, however, may find that the combination of state, national and funded non-government responses currently deliver a fragmented mix of services across a rather patchy infrastructure, and this results in an inability to access the required services, leading sometimes to an escalation of risk factors and ultimately risk to children. So the drive for change and improvement over the past decade has arguably been reflective of increasing community expectations and public discussion as to the critical task of raising children. There is more work to be done.

I have highlighted that a critical responsibility of the child protection system is to ensure that children do not inappropriately enter the system and transition out of the system at the earliest opportunity. I have highlighted that, from our point of view, there are three key service domains which the statutory system needs to address. Firstly, high-quality assessment and intervention decisions are required upfront. For those in out-of-home care, high-quality, coordinated services that meet their individual needs must be provided. Finally, evidence based decisions to support reunification and timely and inclusive planning for transitions to independence are essential.

The affidavit then sets out the role of the commission in the child protection system—its legislative basis, its relevance to the inquiry; areas of improvement for consideration by the inquiry with respect to the commission's role; the critical performance information collated and reported by the commission about the



effectiveness of the child protection and youth justice systems from the perspective of children and young people; the contribution of the blue card system and community visitor program in enhancing the safety of children in out-of-home care; the results of the commission's audits, investigations and reviews of services provided by the child safety and youth justice systems; and, finally, the contribution of the Child Death Case Review Committee in fostering accountability and service improvements in Child Safety Services.

I also highlighted the particular benefits of sustaining the community visitor function within the commission's oversight jurisdiction and the unique advantage Queensland has in being able to obtain children's views of their experience of being in care and detention and applying that to shaping service improvements. I thank you for the opportunity to outline the work we have been engaged in since June. I am happy to respond to any queries you may have.

**Mrs MILLER:** Commissioner, you said that you had allowed five full-time employees to go across to the commission of inquiry. Have those positions been backfilled?

**Ms Fraser:** No, not directly. The positions have gone to the inquiry on the basis, I guess—I looked at those areas where, during the period of the inquiry—some of the work that they are doing, to a certain extent, is within the sort of scope of some of the work that we might be doing normally. They are having a detailed look at quite a bit of the data et cetera that we would have. In some instances there would be some pieces of work that we would not prioritise right at the moment, with the inquiry in place. So we looked at the notion that there would be a few people whom we could offer, if you like, for secondment to that role who could assist in doing what is effectively a review and put forward information for the consideration of the inquiry commissioner—and that might be work that we would not necessarily be needing to do right at this moment.

**Mrs MILLER:** So you are paying for the five officers out of your budget to go across to the commission?

**Ms Fraser:** Yes, to work over there.

**Mrs MILLER:** Do you find that unusual, that an executive arm of government is actually paying for the costs of officers that have been seconded across to an inquiry?

**Ms Fraser:** I think the request was made and we have responded in that way. I guess I am not making any particular reflection on whether it is usual or unusual. There was not a particular request for any specific people or any specific numbers. So there was an opportunity for us to think about how we would manage that. I think, as I say, there is some overlap in terms of the work the commission of inquiry might be doing over this next year and some of the work that we would be doing if that was not in place. It is certainly something that you have to manage and work on, and we have had to reprioritise some of the things that we are doing. That was the way it was set up and I participated in it.

**CHAIR:** Is leave granted to table the three supporting documents as provided by the commissioner?  
Leave granted.

**Mr SHUTTLEWORTH:** Commissioner, in relation to the response provided to question 6 around the young persons visits that have been undertaken fairly recently, around 30 per cent of the issues raised relate to programs and services. Are you able to expand and outline what is encompassed within that area? It seems to be a significant contributor to the overall stream of complaints.

**Ms Fraser:** I would highlight that, as you are aware, we have only fairly recently commenced those visits to the 17-year-olds in the adult correctional system, so some of the work we are doing in that space is in the early days. But what we provided there is, I guess, a summary of that. In terms of the detail underneath what the programs and services are, I might ask Barry if he has some further information on that.

**Mr Salmon:** Our engagement with those young people really is done in a voluntary way, so we engage with them. We talk about the issues and concerns that they may want to raise with us. Predominantly when we are talking about programs and services, it is issues, for example, of education—not being involved in education programs or perhaps sporting programs or physical education types of activity. So they are examples of the sorts of things that young people are raising with us in those instances.

**Mr DILLAWAY:** The previous committee recognised that transition from care at 21 years of age should be considered. You have noted in your response to the prehearing questions that the department has also made that commitment, but I would like to ask you: what sorts of support services do you think are needed for young people and how in particular do they apply to remote and regional children in transition?

**Ms Fraser:** In terms of the transition from care, you would be aware that there is a requirement for a transition to independence plan, if you like. That needs to cover off a whole range of issues with respect to the individual child. They may be quite different depending on their particular needs, but the sort of thing that would need to be reflected is the ongoing support vis-a-vis income. People, when they are moving out of a sort of support arrangement, are going to have to have access to some sort of money stream, be it from a job or from someone else who is going to be looking after them or some sort of allowance, to enable them to continue to live and eat. So there has to be some consideration of where that is going to come from and what position they are in. Some children may be in different circumstances there.



There is going to need to be some consideration around where they are going to live—accommodation arrangements for them. Some of them may already have capacities to stay on in the foster care arrangements. There are some foster carers who continue to offer accommodation beyond the age of 18, despite the fact that they will not necessarily be getting any further financial support for that. But some foster carers may not be in a position to continue to provide support for young people, despite the relationships or anything else, beyond 18. So there has to be some consideration of where they are going to live.

At the age that they are, my view is that there would have to be some serious consideration about what learning and future they are engaged in. Some may have finished school or need to be thinking about skills training in TAFE, or some may actually be into tertiary opportunities. And the issue would have to be how that is going to be supported—where they are going to get the support for them to continue on with those opportunities so they can gain some skills and competencies to be employed in the future. Some may already be in work. For a variety of reasons that may not be an option for them in terms of moving forward in TAFE or university courses or other skills training.

Some may have significant disabilities, and their placement options and transition into the disability services support frame need to be thought through. For instance, we would have a lot of interest in making sure that the Adult Guardian then is picking up some of the responsibilities that our community visitor role would have had and that there are appropriate transitions for them into whatever levels of care they might need beyond 18.

They are the types of practical things that I think people need. The other aspect for me is if they have ongoing therapeutic needs resulting from some of the issues that brought them into care in the first place. They may not be all attended to. They may have some mental health issues. They may have a range of other physical concerns requiring support. I guess that whole planning needs to be clear about how that is going to actually eventuate. The problem from our point of view, I guess, is that at 18, even if someone has a case plan, they are going to have to manage that across a range of sources in the broader community, some of which are not going to necessarily meet the full level of support that those young people may need. So that is going to be more difficult for them to sort through. I don't know, Barry, if you have any other thoughts that I have left out there?

**Mr Salmon:** One further comment that I would like to make is that in terms of our visiting process to that older group of young people that we visit one of the things we do put a strong emphasis on and keep a close eye on is the issue of leaving care plans. Each year we aggregate the information we get from our visiting program, and it provides I think some very useful and very important information about the planning process. In our most recent report, our latest Child Guardian report, that was one of the issues that we addressed. In actual fact, we looked closely at regional areas of Queensland and how that planning process was going. There were two regions—the Toowoomba and western zone and our central south zone—where we found higher percentages of young people saying they either have not got a leaving from care plan or they were just unsure what was in that plan. So that is a bit of a trigger for us to say that there are a couple of regional areas that we need to work a little bit harder in. We are not picking on Toowoomba and western zone or central zone, but what we are saying is that we keep an eye on all of the zones but there are some zones that are performing better in planning and supporting and helping young people transition from care.

**Ms Fraser:** One other thing that I know is an issue sometimes for young people is also making sure that they have access to all of the documentation and information about their past history. Sometimes later on it may not be something that a 17-year-old is critically thinking about, but it is important that they know where they can access their formal records.

**Mr DILLAWAY:** Medical history and those types of things?

**Ms Fraser:** Yes, medical histories and in some instances any contact details et cetera that they may need to progress as they get moving to adulthood. So there is quite a lot that needs to be thought about which, for individual children, depending on their capabilities and capacity and circumstances, is going to be more complex or less complex.

**Mr HATHAWAY:** Commissioner, thanks very much for your responses with regard to abscondee and kids deemed to be at high risk, and we understand that you have sent to the department about 135 kids under 12 who have been placed in care. I was just wondering if you could expand for the committee with regard to, first of all, whether you have had that report back from the department. Secondly, you make reference in your response with regard to safe houses and health facilities as examples of where these kids are being placed, particularly the under 12s. Could you describe what you mean by a safe house or health facility or what sorts of conditions?

**Ms Fraser:** Yes, and with this one I will also ask Barry to talk a little bit more because he has probably had some closer involvement with the detail of it. I just wanted to go back also to highlight with the previous response another matter that came to my attention. I know that when we have spoken to young people about what they think their needs are and how well prepared they are one of the things that is a little bit concerning is that they often overestimate their capabilities to move into independence, and I think any of us as parents will understand that often young people do that. I do not think it is until they have actually moved off. I think they are all excited sometimes about doing it all on their own.



**Mr TROUT:** Brave new world!

**Ms Fraser:** Yes. They think, 'This is going to be great. I'll be living on my own,' but they have not actually got the wherewithal to put it together that to be able to accommodate yourself and cover your costs of food and continue on with the sort of lifestyle possibly that you have had does actually take quite a bit of effort. I just wanted to highlight that we have actually spoken to those young people and we do think that if you talk to them sometimes they tend to overestimate their capability and it is not until after they have moved out that they then come back into different research in other areas to feed back that it was a lot more tough than they thought. Just going back to your question with regard to the at-risk groups, I will defer to Barry.

**Mr Salmon:** The answer to your question is, yes, we have issued that notice to the department and, no, we have not got a response at this point in time. What we did use was the information that we hold primarily through our visiting program where we have identified very young children under 12 living in residential services. So we provided the list in detail to the department in asking them to assess the length of time and the circumstances why those people are placed there. I anticipate that in the next month or so we should have some advice back from the department along those lines. In relation to the second part of your question around safe houses, that was one that did catch our eye in that the concept of a safe house is really, particularly in remote communities, to have a residence where, if there are issues concerning the safety or wellbeing of children, children can be temporarily removed and put in a safe environment while an investigation and assessment process is carried out. So in theory the concept of safe houses should be for a temporary purpose. I guess on that list that we provided to the department there were some children placed there for lengthy periods of time, so I guess we are asking the question, 'If that's the concept of a safe house, why have we got some children there who have been placed for significant amounts of time?' So there are a couple of issues there that we are seeking some clarification and some responses on from the department.

**Ms Fraser:** I know from our own travel and meeting up in some of the remote communities that the safe houses have provided an additional opportunity sometimes for those children to remain in those locations while those investigations are going on. Probably some years ago prior to them being available in those communities the children would often have to be removed out of the community while that was occurring, so I think there has been some additional value in that space. The issue is making sure I guess that they are then used for the purpose for which they were established as opposed to long-term sort of care responses.

**Mr HATHAWAY:** What sorts of health facilities would they be? I understand the concept of a short-term safe house. What kinds of health facilities—aged care? Where are we putting these young kids?

**Mr Salmon:** They are dedicated houses for children, so what you will find is a responsible adult will be managing that particular residence. In remote Indigenous communities, more often than not it is an Aboriginal person or a Torres Strait Islander person who will be managing those services. So they will be providing the day-to-day care for those children. When it comes to health services, in those places there will be Queensland Health in that there will be a health service there that they are able to tap into. So it is not all of the services located in that one place; it really is a residence where those children can be safely accommodated while the issues are being sorted.

**Mrs MILLER:** I have a quick question, Commissioner. Section 17 of the act outlines all of the functions that you have to undertake. With the 20 per cent cutback in budgets which is happening right across the public sector, have you offered or has anyone accepted the package that is on offer right throughout the Public Service? Do you expect to have to reduce your staffing in relation to this so-called austerity campaign of the government?

**Ms Fraser:** In terms of the budget arrangements for the upcoming year, there have been considerations of our budget in some detail and we have actually had an agreed reduction of \$2.4 million which will flow through into the forward estimates which on our budget is just shy of five per cent. The discussion was around the notion that there would be further review once the commission of inquiry concluded its findings and discussions and report and the government had considered that and decided where they were looking to invest moneys across the child protection portfolios, including in the oversight frame.

**Mrs MILLER:** To date, how many people have exited the commission as a result of these cutbacks?

**Ms Fraser:** Clearly, if you have a reduction in budget there is a lesser capacity to do certain things and engage certain people. We have actually probably been able to manage that reasonably well. As an independent agency, I guess when you are planning and working forward on things there are certain things that you may have temporary staff on board for that are coming to conclusion.

**Mrs MILLER:** No, I am talking about permanent officers.

**Ms Fraser:** We have not engaged in any permanent officer redundancies. We have not had to.

**Mrs MILLER:** And do you intend to?

**Ms Fraser:** No, not at this stage. We did participate in a former voluntary separation program of the former government, and that was a voluntary program that people put their hands up for when we were looking at reprioritising some of our efforts and which I think I have spoken about, particularly in some of Brisbane



the areas where we are interested in doing some further electronic improvements with regard to the work of the blue card system and also some of the other technological developments that we need to make sure that we have proper systems in place to record information.

**Mrs MILLER:** One final question. As a public servant I know that you have staff establishments. To be able to maintain your budget, will you not be filling some of your staff establishment to take into account the budget cuts?

**Ms Fraser:** In terms of the establishment, yes. As I say, part of the issue there is that we will not be filling some of those positions and some of that money will be going into initiatives like the technological developments I have talked about.

**Mrs MILLER:** Thank you.

**Mr DILLAWAY:** In one of the questions that you provided on notice for the prehearing questions—question No. 1—you provided a table that refers to abscondment and the likes for children under the age of 12. I want to ask a couple of questions. With regard to the number of children who have absconded or had considered it, are there repeat numbers through that period over the 12 months—that is, one particular child may have considered it and then later actually did abscond or an additional follow-up visit included that? Do you have numbers that are broken down into people who actually did abscond versus the ones who considered it? Is there any correlation between the results from that and the type of housing that those children under 12 are within such as the residential care facilities, the safe houses and the health facilities that you referred to?

**Ms Fraser:** Thank you for that. I am not sure how far we can actually drill down into how many of those are the same. Have you got any further insights you can offer on that, Barry?

**Mr Salmon:** After we undertake visits we ask our visitors to actually report back to us for our reporting system and the response in terms of children who have decided to self-place or who have absconded does not differentiate between either having thought it, considered it or actually having done it. So I think we would have difficulty in trying to disaggregate those numbers. So at the moment what we have provided is an inclusive number to say that we are either aware that they did abscond or self-place from that particular placement or raised with our visitor that they were giving some serious consideration to doing that. So it is a reflection I guess of our reporting system. I would be happy to have a look to see if we can provide it for you, but my understanding is that our system at the moment sort of captures or brings both of those categories together into the one category.

**Mr DILLAWAY:** I guess what I am trying to explore there is that of course children under the age of 12 have big, grand plans and ideas of where they want to be and what they want to do and whether or not it is just a consideration and whether or not those numbers are actually skewed based on maybe peer pressure or the likes in terms of, 'This is something that we'd like to do,' but whether or not it is actually relative to something that they would actually do.

**Mr Salmon:** I think that is why we need to be cautious with those numbers there, because there probably are a significant number of those children who are expressing a desire to do it but perhaps did not necessarily go through with it. From our point of view, it really is important to listen to those young people and raise those issues with their relevant Child Safety officer so that they are aware of what those children are feeling and what they are thinking so the system can respond appropriately.

**Ms Fraser:** I would just add that we probably would not be the actual source of information on that. In order to get to more accurate figures, I think you would have to go to the department of communities and child safety. We can obviously seek some of that information from them. From our point of view, this is information that we are getting from community visitors. In terms of their responsibilities of knowing where those young people are at all times, they should have more accurate information on that at any particular point. The only other thing I would bring to the committee's attention is that we use the terminology around absconding in our reports and I think we have been chastised by a couple of people who have indicated that absconding is probably not the right word for people running away from placements and whatever, because absconding has a particular legal frame that in order to abscond you have to be detained somewhere and they are not actually detained anywhere; they are in placement. So we are looking at our future reporting around that terminology just to make sure that we are actually implying the right word and that people are not assuming that these are people who are leaving somewhere where they are being contained.

**CHAIR:** I wonder if AWOL, an old military term, fits the bill.

**Ms Fraser:** Yes, it probably does a bit. They are not there, but they have not absconded.

**CHAIR:** Thank you very much, Commissioner, for coming and providing us with that input. The time allocated for the hearing has expired, so I will draw the proceedings to a close. Thank you, Commissioner, for your attendance. We appreciate your assistance in this. Is it the wish of this committee that the evidence given before it today be authorised for publication? As there is no objection, it is so authorised. Thank you again for your attendance. Thank you to the committee, thank you to the commission, thank you to Hansard and the secretariat. I declare this hearing closed.

**Committee adjourned at 9.46 am**



## THE AUSTRALIAN

## Decision to cut child-protector role 'inexplicable'

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**THE cutting of the community-based co-ordinator for child safety and government services in the remote Aboriginal town of Aurukun despite ongoing social dysfunction is inexplicable, Queensland's child protection inquiry has heard.**

Counsel assisting the inquiry, Kathryn McMillan SC, said government funding for the alcohol-harm-reduction role providing critical co-ordination for government services was ending.

"It seems, inexplicably, his job will finish in just two months' time," Ms McMillan said. "He appears to be. . . the lynchpin for co-ordination of services such as the Department of Child Safety and other government departments who fly in and out.

The inquiry has heard that a "lost generation" unable to parent their children emerged during 25 years when alcohol was freely available. A complete ban on all liquor has been in force since 2002.

Community worker Bruce Marshall has filled the "Mr Fix-It" role in the largely Aboriginal town 2500km northwest of Brisbane for two years under the alcohol-management reform initiative. His contract ends on December 31.

"I'm normally the first port of call that people will make before they come into the community," he said. "It's not just my contract that's finishing, it's actually the position is finishing. Changes that I might have been able to make might not happen."

The inquiry heard that Mr Marshall recently organised urgent security upgrades at the women's shelter, helped with the child safe house and assisted to solve a problem with the fire truck.

He is also performing other duties because the director of government co-ordination services role is also vacant. Mr Marshall said that without a dedicated role, the long-term co-ordination of services would suffer.

He said there was a generation without the skills to parent their children and people. They turned to elders for care. "There is a generation that were not going to be able to help," he said.

A spokeswoman for Communities Minister Tracy Davis acknowledged yesterday that Mr Marshall's position was "time-limited". She said the government would recruit for a new director of government co-ordination.

The Newman government has said it would not renew non-frontline contract roles under a cost-cutting drive.





## Funding cut to crucial Aurukun indigenous services co-ordinator

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Melanie Petrinec | October 15th, 2012

At the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry hearing in Aurukun, it was revealed the public servant who co-ordinates programs to reduce alcohol abuse in the town would be out of a job from December 31.

Counsel assisting the inquiry, Kathryn McMillan SC, said public servant Bruce Marshall filled a vital role that "inexplicably... will finish in just two months' time".

"He appears to be... the linchpin for co-ordination of services such as the Department of Child Safety and other government departments who fly in and out," she said.

Mr Marshall told the inquiry he was employed two years ago to co-ordinate and implement programs to deal with issues of alcohol abuse.

But he said he had since taken on an additional role in liaising between all three tiers of government to ensure vital services were provided to the community.

He said not only had his original contract ended, but the position funded under the Alcohol Management Reform initiative would go on December 31 as well.



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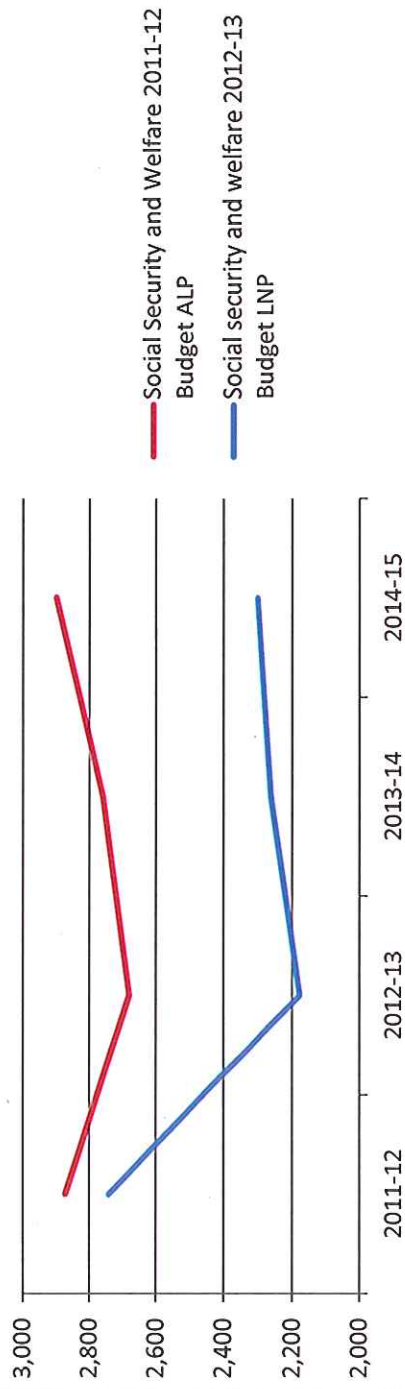
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