

Question on Notice

No. 955

Asked on 22 August 2018

MR M CRANDON asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

QUESTION

With reference to the preventive health branch within Queensland Health—

Will the Minister outline (a) the budget for 2018-19, (b) the actual expenditure for 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 (reported separately) and (c) the list of programs and initiatives being supported for 2018-19?

ANSWER

In relation to the Member's question, I am advised as follows:

For Preventive Health Branch within Queensland Health:

(a) the planned operational expense budget for 2018-19 is \$35.42 million;

(b) the actual expenditure was:

2015-16 \$27.83 million

2016-17 \$33.20 million

2017-18 \$35.71 million

Additional investment will be available for cancer screening in the 2018-2019 financial year when commonwealth funds are received for the BreastScreen Australia's 70-74 year olds initiative.

(c) programs and initiatives being supported in 2018-19 include -

- state-wide implementation of national screening programs for bowel, breast and cervical cancer; and
- implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017 to 2026 including policy and programs aimed at increasing healthy weight, reducing smoking and increasing sun safety. Examples:
 - My Health for Life – health assessment and lifestyle modification program targeting people at risk of developing chronic disease.
 - 10,000 Steps and Heart Foundation Walking Programs aimed at increasing physical activity.
 - Be Strong - Program aimed to build capacity of health workers and community service providers to deliver training in nutrition, physical activity and smoking interventions in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
 - Provision of information, advice and resources on nutrition and physical activity, chronic disease prevention and epidemiology, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.