

Question on Notice

No. 1072

Asked on Tuesday, 28 September 2004

MS MALE asked the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (**MR PITT**) -

QUESTION:

Will he outline the range of Advocacy Services operating in Queensland and the funding they receive?

ANSWER:

Disability Services Queensland funding is provided to a number of advocacy services in Queensland through the Disability Advocacy Program. This program is a joint State/Commonwealth responsibility.

Disability Services Queensland currently provides:

- recurrent funding of \$502 886 to five independent individual advocacy services under the Disability Advocacy Program (DAP). These services are the Capricorn Citizen Advocacy funded for \$109 331, Gold Coast Advocacy Group funded for \$138 228, Mackay Advocacy funded for \$146 511, Regional Disability Advocacy funded for \$67 246 and Independent Advocacy in the Tropics funded for \$41 570;
- recurrent funding of \$73 819 to a non-government organisation, Amparo Advocacy Inc, to provide statewide support and information to advocacy services to improve the delivery of their service to people with a disability from diverse cultural backgrounds; and
- recurrent funding of \$186 000 through Project 300 (P300) to seven independent individual advocacy services. These services are the Gold Coast Advocacy Group funded for \$8000, Mackay Advocacy funded for \$6000, Regional Disability Advocacy funded for \$52 000, Speaking Up For You funded for \$72 000, Independent Advocacy in the Tropics funded for \$22 000, Rights in Action funded for \$19 000 and Mental Health Association funded for \$7000.

The Department of Communities currently funds organisations for a range of activities that include advocacy as a significant component. This funding from the Department of Communities is distributed as follows:

- Under Domestic Violence Prevention, the Domestic Violence Resource Centre Inc/Brisbane Domestic Violence Advocacy Service was funded for \$587 694, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal and Advocacy Service was funded \$171 058 and Caxton Legal Centre Inc / Senior Advocacy Information and Legal Service was funded for \$101 718;
- Under the Community Support Services, the Queensland Council of Social Service Inc was funded for \$223 258 and Community Centres and Family Support Network Inc was funded for \$49 776; and
- Under Youth Development, the Youth Advocacy Centre Inc (Clayfield) was funded for \$73 089.