

Question on Notice
No. 559
Asked on 19 May 2004

MRS R MENKENS asked the Minister for Child Safety (MR REYNOLDS)-

QUESTION:

Will he detail as at 19 May 2004 what funding has been expended and reforms progressed to date on implementing the Government's Blueprint on child protection.

ANSWER:

The majority of funding for progressing the Blueprint will commence in the 2004/2005 financial year. Of the additional child protection monies received in the 2003/2004 financial year, it is estimated that \$18.3M has been expended on implementing the reforms contained in the Blueprint.

To date, reforms have progressed in the following areas:

- recruitment of Child Safety Officers and Child Safety Support Officers;
- training for Child Safety Officers;
- awareness sessions and transition workshops for staff;
- development of the Child Safety Practice Manual;
- development of the Child Safety Legislation Amendment Bill. This Bill was introduced into State Parliament on 20 May 2004 by the Hon. the Premier and Minister for Trade;
- an increase in Foster Care Allowance by \$40 per fortnight;
- alternative placement options for children and young people; and
- recruitment and appointment of SCAN co-ordinators across the state.

I would also refer the Member to the State Budget delivered on 15 June 2004 which is available on the internet at <http://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/>