

Question on Notice
No. 608
Asked on Thursday, 20 May 2004

MR FRASER asked the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Racing (MR SCHWARTEN) –

QUESTION:

With reference to Home Assist Secure which has now been operating for more than ten years and provides an invaluable service to seniors and people with disabilities –

How much funding in total has been provided to Red Hill Paddington Community Centre through its program and how many people has it assisted ?

ANSWER:

The Home Assist Secure program aims to remove some of the practical housing related difficulties experienced by people 60 years and over and people of any age with a disability who wish to remain living in their home. The program funds community-based organisations to provide free information and referrals about home maintenance, repairs, modifications, falls prevention and home security. To be eligible, a person must be a home-owner or live in private rental housing.

Subsidised assistance with minor home maintenance, repairs, modifications and security is also available for eligible clients who are in receipt of a Commonwealth Government pension or benefit, and are unable to make use of alternative assistance. However, as a result of the popularity of the scheme, services are forced to target subsidised assistance on health, safety and security grounds.

Home Assist Secure is a highly successful government initiative. Funding for the program has increased from \$1.9M per annum at its inception in 1993 to over \$12M (GST inclusive) for 2004/05. In 2001/02 a further \$1M was provided to the program as a result of the Valuing our Queensland Seniors election commitment.

The Red Hill Paddington Community Centre has received funding for the Home Assist Secure Program since 1994/95 as follows:

Year	Approved Funding \$ (incl GST from 00/01)	Households Assisted
94/95	99,189	Not available
95/96	105,673	Not available
96/97	100,731	Not available
97/98	118,196	606
98/99	141,792	719
99/00	147,222	788
00/01	174,648	678
01/02	207,460	895
02/03	202,409	920
03/04	188,522	920 (as at 30/04/04)
04/05	180,719	900 (expected number of households to be assisted during 04/05)
Total Approved Funding From 1994/95 to 2004/05	1,666,561	
Total Households Assisted From 1997/98 to 30/04/2004		5526