

Question on Notice

No. 909

Asked Thursday on 19 August 2004

Mr M Horan, asked the Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors (**Mr Pitt**)

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QUESTION:

With reference to the Forde Foundation -

- 1) Since the establishment of the foundation what level of funding has been contributed by the State Government as well as any community support and other organisations and/or groups (reported separately for each contribution)?
- (2) Since the establishment of the foundation what level of funding has been spent from it, detailing each instance of expenditure and on what or whom it has been spent?
- (3) Since the establishment of the foundation how much funding is left?

ANSWER:

In August 2000, the Queensland Government contributed \$1M towards the establishment of the Forde Foundation Trust Fund. The Foundation was established in response to recommendation 39 of the report by the Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions, known as the Forde Inquiry.

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide small monetary grants to former child residents of Queensland institutions to assist and improve the quality of their lives.

The government made an additional allocation of \$1M to the Foundation in the 2001-2002 Budget.

Since the inception of the Foundation, the government has met the costs associated with the provision of secretariat support. The Department of Communities currently funds Micah Project Inc. (Esther Centre) \$84,618 p/a. triennially to provide secretariat support to the Foundation.

The Foundation is independent of the government and administered by the Public Trustee, who acts on recommendations made by a Board of Advice, which is chaired by Ms Leneen Forde, AC.

As Trustee of the Foundation, the Public Trustee is responsible for the management and use of the Trust Funds and as such, questions relating to these matters should be directed to the Honourable, Rod Welford, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice.