

**Question on Notice
No. 954
Asked on Tuesday, 31 August 2004**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to each of the last two financial years and for the year to date and broken down by region—

- (1) What is the number of (a) adults and (b) children that applied to receive support from the department or funded programs and what number were unsuccessful?
- (2) Of the number that were successful, how many packages were recurrent and how many packages were non-recurrent?
- (3) Of those identified as unsuccessful, what number were on a high priority rating?

ANSWER:

- Please refer to the following tables:

Support for Adults: Adult Lifestyle Support Program

	Brisbane	South Coast	North Coast	Ipswich / South West	Central QLD / Wide Bay	North QLD/ Remote	Total
2002-03							
New applications	84	91	110	27	97	38	447
Funded recurrently	14	17	23	8	26	12	100
Funded non-recurrently ¹	N/A						133
Unfunded high priority ²	53	38	61	14	51	18	235
2003-04							
New applications	65	68	80	55	83	51	402
Funded Recurrently	27	14	24	6	19	18	108
Funded non-recurrently ¹	N/A						170
Unfunded high priority ²	41	30	49	22	47	26	215
2004-05							
New applications ³	59	25	44	14	59	66	267
Funded Recurrently	10	7	8	8	9	6	48
Funded non-recurrently ²	25	11	19	9	16	10	90
Unfunded high priority ²	N/A						

Footnote:

1. Information on non-recurrent funding for 2002-03 and 2003-04 is not available at regional level. The total number of funded non-recurrent clients is an estimate only as people may receive more than package.
2. Unfunded high priority refers to the number of unfunded priority 1 applicants. Data for 2004-05 has not yet been recorded on the Registration, Application and Funding Database.
3. The number of new applications reported in 2004-05 is significantly less than previous years as the number relates to new applications received between July 01 and September 01 only.

Since 2002-03, an additional 256 people with a disability have been recurrently funded through the Adult Lifestyle Support Program. In total, we now support 1214 people recurrently through this program. The Adult Lifestyle Support Program has enabled clients to enhance their social relationships and participate in the community through purchasing aids and equipment; obtaining support at home; taking part in recreation and leisure activities; and managing their household. We also provided a number of one-off supplements to meet critical needs, including emergency accommodation and care.

In 2004-05, we will provide an additional \$10.7M in funding to support even more people to live independently within the community. This funding will assist approximately an additional 200 Adult Lifestyle Support packages.

Support for Adults: Post School Services Program

	Brisbane	South Coast	North Coast	Ipswich / South West	Central QLD / Wide Bay	North QLD / Remote	Total
2002-03							
New applications	44	50	34	27	58	34	247
Funded recurrently	33	36	22	18	34	22	165
Funded non-recurrently ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003-04							
New applications	46	53	37	26	49	36	247
Funded Recurrently	33	30	21	17	41	19	161
Funded non-recurrently ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004-05							
New applications	61	55	30	28	48	25	247
Funded Recurrently	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Funded non-recurrently ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Footnote:

1. The table above excludes non-recurrent funding for aids and equipment.

Notes

- Priority ratings of unfunded clients is not available for Post School Services Program
- 2004-05 funding under the Post School Services Program has not yet been allocated. Data relating to the 2004-05 financial year is therefore unavailable.

Since 2002-03, we have expanded special supports for young people making the transition from student to adult life through the Post School Services Program.

- Each year, more than 160 young people with a disability receive recurrent funding under the program, enabling them to participate in community activities, take on adult roles within their families and explore a range of interests and activities including vocational opportunities.
- We have also improved the program so that adults who have received post school transitional supports for five years can now easily transfer to the Adult Lifestyle Support Program and receive support based on their previously approved level.
- During 2004-05, we will continue to increase support to people leaving school and making the transition to adult life in their community through an additional \$2.7M in funding.

Support for Adults: Family Support Program (Adults)

	Brisbane	South Coast	North Coast	Ipswich / South West	Central QLD / Wide Bay	North QLD / Remote	Total
2003-04							
New applications	152	82	106	72	151	72	635
Funded Recurrently	13	10	11	8	10	9	61
Funded non-recurrently ¹	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Footnote:

1. Priority ratings of unfunded clients is not available for Family Support Services Program – Adults

Notes:

- The Family Support Program for Adults commenced operation in 2003-04. As a result data for the 2002-03 financial year cannot be provided.
- 2004-05 funding under the Family Support Program for Adults has not yet been allocated. Data relating to the 2004-05 financial year is therefore unavailable.

Support for Children: Family Support Program (Child)

	Brisbane	South Coast	North Coast	Ipswich / South West	Central QLD / Wide Bay	North QLD / Remote	Total
2002-03							
New applications	228	317	271	279	319	192	1606
Funded recurrently	19	16	13	11	14	12	85
Funded non-recurrently ¹	100	40	150	85	85	75	535
Unfunded high priority	28	35	9	42	17	18	149
2003-04							
New applications	280	390	190	285	140	230	1515
Funded Recurrently	36	32	29	20	27	23	167
Funded non-recurrently ¹	150	70	100	45	145	95	605
Unfunded high priority	14	47	1	33	35	20	150

Footnote:

1. 2004-05 funding under the Family Support Program has not yet been allocated. Data relating to the 2004-05 financial year is therefore unavailable.

Note:

1. The total number of funded non-recurrent clients is an estimate only.

Since 2002-03 we have supported more families and carers of people with a disability by expanding family support services and programs. This increased level of support contributed to a better quality of life for people with a disability and increased opportunities for them to participate in community life.

We also extended the program to adults living at home with their families, providing much needed support to ageing parents who perform the role of primary carers.

- In 2003-04, we allocated an additional \$6M to the Family Support Program to support an additional 228 families, of which 167 were recurrently funded under the Family Support Child Program and 61 recurrently funded under the Family Support Adult Program. In total, the number of families supported under both programs is now over 700.
- In 2004-05, we will increase funding by an additional \$6M and assist approximately 230 additional families through the Family Support Program.