

Question on Notice
No. 313
Asked on 22 March 2005

MR PURCELL asked the Minister for Health (MR NUTTALL) –

QUESTION:

How will the increase in HACC funding by \$23.8m benefit the older Queenslanders and young people with disabilities, in particular, those living in the Bulimba Electorate?

ANSWER:

The Home and Community Care Program (HACC) is a national joint Australian Government/State Government funded program. It provides a range of basic maintenance and support services which allow people to be more independent at home and in the community. HACC eligible clients are the frail aged, younger people with disabilities, and their carers.

The Brisbane South Region, which covers the Coorparoo, Inala, Mt Gravatt, Redlands and Wynnum Local Planning Areas, will receive additional operating funding of approximately \$3.8m for 2004/ 2005. The Coorparoo Local Planning area, in which the Bulimba Electorate is located, will receive additional operating funding of \$778,249. All HACC funded service providers have received a 2.1% Cost supplementation increase. In addition the growth funds will be used to provide Domestic Assistance, Nursing, Personal Care, Respite, and Social Support to HACC eligible clients.

The growth funding allocation has not been finalised and will be announced jointly by the Commonwealth and State Ministers for Health.