

**Question on Notice
No. 732
Asked on 24 May 2005**

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

How has the latest round of Home and Community Care funding benefited residents in the electorate of Bulimba?

ANSWER:

The Home and Community Care (HACC) Program is a joint Australian/State Government Program which assists frail aged and younger disabled people to maintain independence in their own homes through the provision of a range of basic maintenance and support services.

Support for carers of these people is also an integral component of the Program.

This year, total funding available to the Program has reached a record \$249 million, including almost \$24 million in growth funding available for allocation this financial year.

I am pleased to advise that following the latest announcement regarding HACC funding, that the Coorparoo Local Planning Area, in which the Bulimba Electorate is located, received additional operating funding of \$645,756.

The additional funding will focus on the provision of Domestic Assistance, Nursing Care, Personal Care, Respite Care, and Social Support to HACC eligible clients in the Bulimba and surrounding electorates.

As these services were identified as priorities for the area following local consultation and planning, the additional funding will ensure that the HACC Program continues to provide a range of coordinated, integrated and responsive services to clients that maximises flexibility, timeliness of service, and client independence.