

**Question on Notice
No. 887
Asked on 7 June 2005**

MRS LAVARCH asked the Minister for Health (MR NUTTALL)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the recent announcement of funding grants under the HACC program-

How has the Kurwongbah Electorate benefited from these grants?

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 support services. Support for carers 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 Kurwongbah Electorate received additional operating funding of \$60,320 and additional capital funding of \$124,346.

The additional funding will focus on the provision of respite care, the purchase of a replacement bus for use in centre based day care services and a new 12-seater bus to support the delivery of transport services in the area.

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.