

**Question on Notice
No. 216
Asked on 1 March 2006**

MISS ROBERTS asked the Minister for Health (MR ROBERTSON)-

QUESTION:

How much of the funding provided to the Queensland Injecting Health Network over the last financial year, was actually spent in the Gympie Electorate and for services in the Cooloola Shire?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Injecting Health Network (QuIHN) is a not-for-profit organisation funded by Queensland Health to provide education and prevention programs through a peer focused approach directed at people who inject drugs and those at risk of injecting across the State. Services provided include the provision of needle and syringe exchanges, both at fixed locations and outreach models.

QuIHN has a service agreement in place with Queensland Health until 30 June 2007, totalling \$1.15 million per financial year. This funding delivers a full statewide service with office locations in Brisbane, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Rockhampton and Cairns.

QuIHN maintains an office at Maroochydore which provides services to the Gympie and Cooloola areas. In the Gympie and Cooloola areas, QuIHN allocates \$31,200 per financial year for outreach services for needle and syringe program outreach, where clean needles and equipment are distributed and a facility provided for the disposal of used equipment. Health promotion, education and information are also provided where appropriate.

Additionally, the Queensland Health Gympie Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Unit also provides services to the Gympie and Cooloola areas. These services include the provision of a needle and syringe program, where clients can access clean needles and syringes through the Community Health Service at Gympie.